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HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

[ORDERS BY LT.-COL. L. C. BIRD, D.S.O.,
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No. 327.

1.—Presentation Of Colours.

The Corps will parade as strong
as possible in four Companies at
Volunteer Headquarters at 9 a.m.
on Sunday, May 6th, 1928.

No. 1 Company.—Under command
of Captain T. Addis Martin, will be
composed of the Battery, Mounted
Infantry, Armoured Car Companies
and men of Reserve Company hav-
ing leather equipment.

Dress: Khaki jacket, medals,
shorts, helmet, boots, puttees, hose-
tops, bandolier, belt, rifle and
bayonet.

No. 2 Company.—Under command
of Captain S. J. Jordain, M.C., com-
posed of the Engineer Company,
Corps Signals, Infantry Company,
and men of Reserve Company having
webb equipment.

Dress: As for No. 1 Company,
but with belt, rifle and bayonet only
(no bandoliers).

No. 3 Company.—Under command
of Captain K. S. Morrison, com-
posed of Scottish Company and
Scottish Reserve.

Dress: Review order, helmets
will be worn.

No. 4 Company.—Under command
of Lieut. R. R. Davies, M.C., M.M.,
Portuguese Company.

Dress: As for No. 2 Company.
Companies will be sized as for
ceremonial.

Scottish Company will provide
4 drummers with side drums.
Attention of all is drawn to In-
fantry Training Vol. I, Chap. 14,
Sec. 204.

Practice Parade at Volunteer
Headquarters at 3.30 p.m., Thurs-
day, May 3rd, Uniform.

Arms will be drawn from Corps
Headquarters on Friday, April 27th,
Monday, April 30th, and Tuesday,
May 1st, between 9 a.m. and 12
noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., and 5 and 6
p.m.

2.—Musketry.

Sunday, April 29th, 1928.

The Infantry Company will fire
Part I. Table "T" at Stancutters
on Sunday, April 29th, 1928.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. H. Owen
Hughes.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at
9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier
at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or multi optional,
but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces
and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps
Headquarters to-day, between 9
a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m.,
or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday,
April 28th, between 9 a.m. and 1
p.m.

3.—Scottish Company.

All ranks are reminded of practice
parade on Thursday, May 3rd,
and parade for Presentation of
Colours on Sunday, May 6th.
Full strength parades are essen-
tial on both occasions. Dress for
both parades: Review order.
Helmets.

4.—Portuguese Company.

Peak Range has been allotted to
the Portuguese Company on Sun-
day, April 29th. All who have not
fired Part I. and recruits will at-
tend.

All ranks are reminded of practice
parade on Thursday, May 3rd, and
parade for Presentation of Colours
on Sunday, May 6th. Full strength
parades are essential on both oc-
casions. Dress: Uniform, see Order
No. 1.

5.—Strength.

The following recruit is taken on
the strength on April 25th, 1928, and
posted as under:—No. 1310 Pte. L.
G. Morales, No. 10 Platoon.

6.—Leave.

The following are granted leave of
absence from the Corps:—

No. 58 Sgt. L. C. P. Rees, Re-
serve Co., from April 20th to
November 30th, 1928.

No. 553 Pte. J. H. Gelling, Re-
serve Co., from May 1st, 1928, to
March 31st, 1929.

No. 872 Cpl. J. W. Alabaster,
No. 1 Platoon, from June 1st,
1928, to March 31st, 1929.

No. 521 Pte. H. J. Best, Reserve
Co., from April 25th, 1928, to
February 28th, 1929.

No. 767 Pte. S. H. Clark and
No. 1108 Pte. H. E. Orr, No. 1
Platoon, leave to be extended
from April 14th to June 30th, 1928.

No. 574 Bugler B. J. Yalland, No.
2 Platoon, as from May 1st, 1928.

No. 36 Gnr. W. W. Mackenzie,
The Battery, as from April 25th,
1928.

No. 893 Gnr. A. S. Hersee, The
Battery, as from April 25th, 1928.

No. 163 Cpl. T. W. Doyle, M.I.
Co., as from April 25th, 1928.

No. 399 L/Cpl. D. B. Peat, M.I.
Co., as from April 25th, 1928.

No. 874 Pte. E. A. B. Brodie, M.I.
Co., as from April 25th, 1928.

No. 479 Pte. W. J. Clerk, A.C.
Co., as from April 25th, 1928.

No. 480 Pte. J. A. D. Morrison,
A.C. Co., as from April 25th, 1928.

No. 498 Pte. V. R. Jones, A.C.
Co., as from April 25th, 1928.

No. 659 Sgt. L. P. Ralph, No. 1
Platoon, as from April 25th, 1928.

No. 735 Pte. E. G. Joran, No. 2
Platoon, as from April 25th, 1928.

No. 747 Pte. E. G. Jentan, No. 2
Platoon, as from April 25th, 1928.

No. 353 Pte. S. H. Garrod, No. 7
Platoon, as from April 25th, 1928.

(Continued on next column).

WOMAN SEES A BURGLARY.

THREE MEN CARRY OFF
SAFE.

£7,000 JEWELS.

TAXICAB WAITING.

LONDON, April 2nd.

Unsuspecting neighbours watch-
ed a gang of burglars drag a large
safe containing £7,000 worth of
jewellery from the house of Mr.
Alexander Becker, a merchant in
artificial silk, in Gainsborough-
garden, Golders Green, N.W., on
Saturday evening, lift it with diffi-
culty on to a taxicab, and drive
away.

Two hours and a half later the
safe, with its back ripped open,
was pushed off a taxicab which
drove through Pinckney-mews, War-
wick-avenue, Paddington, W.,
several miles away.

People at the Warwick-avenue
end of the mews were startled by a
crash and, looking out of their
windows, saw a taxicab driving
rapidly out of the mews into War-
wick-avenue, where it turned to the
left.

A member of Mr. Becker's family
last night said to a reporter:
"Mr. and Mrs. Becker left home
at 7.50 p.m. on Saturday to go to
a local theatre. Shortly after 9
o'clock a servant discovered that a
kitchen cupboard had been opened,
and then went to Mrs. Becker's
bedroom at the front of the first
floor.

Safe Vanished.

"The safe which contained Mrs.
Becker's jewellery, and stood by
the wall, had gone. The police
were then told. There were also
three diamond bracelets, and one
diamond bracelet about an inch
wide holding a watch on the back
of which was Mrs. Becker's name
and date. There were also
diamond and platinum cufflinks,
a gold watch and chain, and 225
in sovereigns.

"In a cupboard which was open-
ed by the burglars was £1,000
worth of furs, but these were left.
"When the safe was recovered
none of the papers in it had been
touched."

Three Men Enter House.

Mrs. Handley, who lives im-
mediately opposite the house,
describing to a *Daily Mail* reporter,
said: "Shortly before 8.30 I saw
a taxicab draw up outside Mr.
Becker's house. Two men got out
and went to the front door, leaving
a third near the cab.

"The men opened the door al-
most at once. They then spoke to
the third man, who left the taxi-
cab, and they all went into the
house. They closed the front door,
and I saw one man put his hand
up as though shooting a bolt.

"About eight minutes later three
men came out of the front door
dragging something heavy, which
was put beside the driver. It look-
ed nearly as high as the driver
himself.

"The cab turned and drove
away. At the time I felt a little
suspicious, but, of course, did not
know who might be calling at the
house."

Another neighbour said that the
driver wore a peaked hat and re-
mained in his seat. Three men in
hard felt hats dragged something
heavy from the house to the cab,
and with much effort they lifted
it beside the driver. They then
threw a cloth over it, and they all
got inside the cab, which drove
away.

A mat was found at the front of
the house after the burglary, and
it is believed that it was on this
that the safe was dragged to the
pavement.

No. 1043 Pte. T. Addis, No. 7
Platoon, as from April 25th, 1928.

No. 1046 Pte. A. E. Bertram, No.
7 Platoon, as from April 25th, 1928.

No. 571 Pte. L. D. McNicoll,
Reserve Co., as from April 25th,
1928.

R. A. WOLFE MURRAY, Major,
Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.
Hong Kong, April 27th, 1927.

NOTICE

Smoking Concert.

The Annual Corps Smoking Con-
cert and distribution of Corps
Trophies and Musketry prizes will
take place at Corps Headquarters
at 8.30 p.m. on Friday, May 11th,
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ly tea party, the sort of occasion
at which their Majesties are able
to mix with men and women of
all ranks of life in an atmosphere
of informality.

There were about 350 guests, and
the Queen—a very gracious hostess
in a dress of a delicate periwinkle
shade—moved smilingly among
them, chatting with many of them
like an old friend. Her jewels
were sapphires and ropes of pearls.

The King, too, talked with
animation and his robust laugh
was often heard. Both the King
and Queen conversed for some time
with Mrs. Laura Knight, the
artist.

As usual, their Majesties had
their tea served in a private room
adjoining the picture gallery—a
room which on such occasions as
yesterday's becomes a salon to
which guests intimately known to
them are invited.

The string band of the Welsh
Guards played.

Among the guests were Preben-
dary Carlile, head of the Church
Army; the Rev. P. B. Clayton,
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alternately as the wearers move.

Some of the bracelets seen were
stated to have cost tens of thou-
sands of pounds.

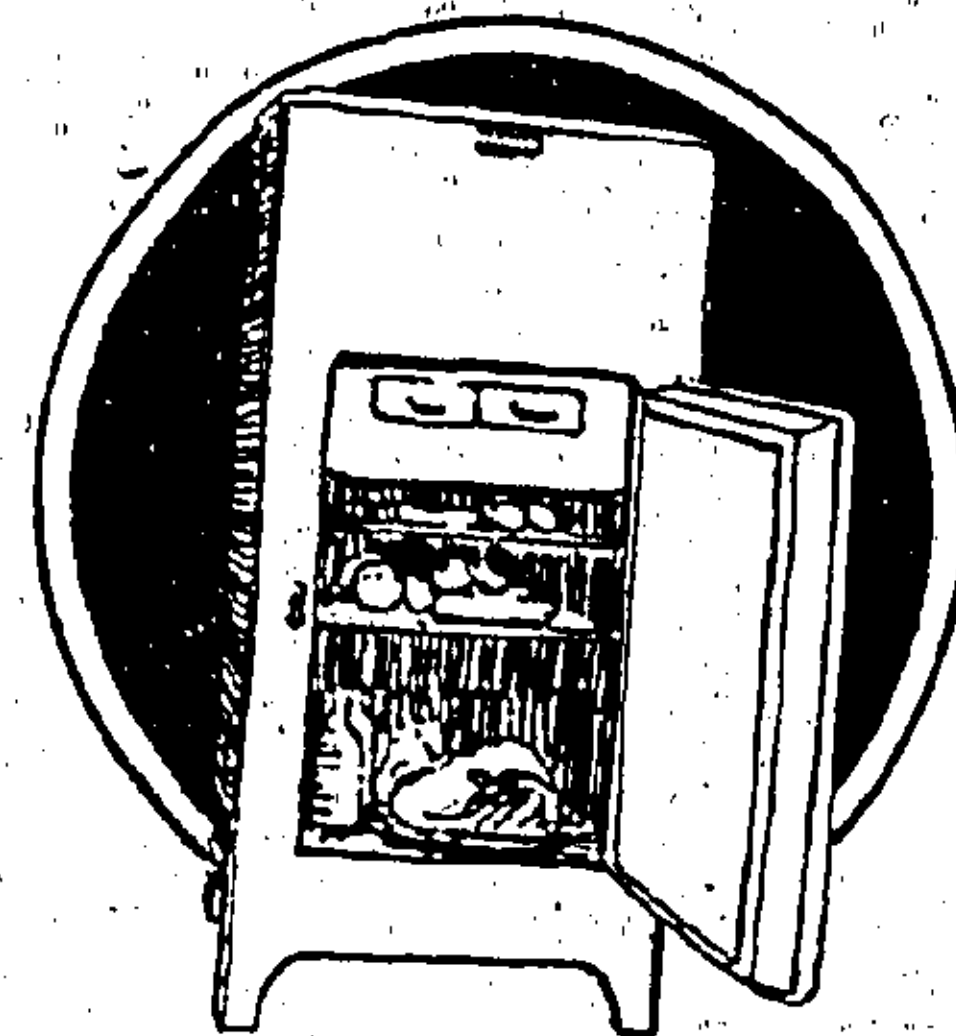
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China Underwriters	£24 buy.
China Fire Insurance	£216 nom.
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Waterworks	£204 buy.
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Langkate (combined)	£14, 148 nom.
Do, (single)	£14, 148 nom.
S'hai Explosives	£14, 235 nom.
Shanghai Loans	£14, 34 nom.
Banque	£4 nom.
Tromch Mines	£178 nom.
H.K. & W. Docks	£138 sel.
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China Providents	£6, 50 buy, 6 sel.
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New Engineering	£14, 430 nom.
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Two Cottons	£14, 84 buy, 840 sel.
Oriental Cottons	£14, 2 buy.
S'hai Cottons (old)	£14, 55 sel.
Do, (new)	£14, 23 sel.
H.K. & S. Hotels	£39 sel.
H.K. Lands	£407 sel.
Shanghai Loans	£14, 140 buy.
Shanghai Estates	£144 nom.
H.K. Roadways	£14, 34 buy, 34 sel.
H.K. Tramways	£14, 25 nom.
Peak Tram (old)	£14, 14 buy.
Do, (new)	£14, 34 nom.
Star Ferris	£44 sel.
China Lights (comb.)	£13 buy, 13.35 sel.
Do, (old)	£13.20 sel.
Do, (new)	£13.20 sel.
H.K. Electric	£704 buy, 71 sa.
Macao Electric	£26 nom.
Telephone	£470 buy.
China Buses	£14, 74 buy.
Singapore Tramways	£11, 74 nom.
China Sugars	£5, 55 nom.
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Canton Ice	£44 nom.
Cement (combined)	£10, 40 sel.
Do, (old)	£8 nom.
Do, (new)	£8 sel.
H.K. Bops (old)	£74 buy.
Do, (new)	£3 nom.
United Asbestos	£10 sel.
Dairy Farms	£224 nom.
Watsons	£14 buy.
Der A Wings	£40, 50 nom.
Less Crawlands	£34 buy.
Mackintosh	£24 sel.
Sincere	£11 buy.
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FATHER AND SONS IN MORTGAGE CASE.

PROPERTY MORTGAGED TO FINANCE THOMAS W. SIMMONS & CO.

MR. JENKIN SEVERELY CROSS-EXAMINES PLAINTIFF.

POWER OF ATTORNEY AND A "CHOP."

The case was continued yesterday at the Supreme Court before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, in which Fook Kam Tsun was plaintiff in an action against the Bank of Canton and Messrs. Thos. W. Simmons & Co., Ltd. to restrain them from disposing of his property, and to return the deeds to him on the ground that the property was mortgaged without his knowledge or consent and that the signature appearing on the assignment was a forgery.

Allegations were made against plaintiff's two sons of having mortgaged the property and attached his name to certain documents without his knowledge or consent.

Plaintiff was subjected to a severe cross-examination by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, Counsel for the defendants. The cross-examination began at 3 p.m. on Wednesday and lasted throughout yesterday. Under cross-examination, plaintiff admitted having mortgaged his property to three different banks in order to finance Thos. W. Simmons & Co. and to grant them banking facilities.

It will be remembered that in plaintiff's statement of claim, he denied having had any transaction with the American firm beyond guaranteeing one of his sons to the company as compradore and for that purpose he had mortgaged certain part of his property for \$37,000.

A special jury was empanelled comprising of Messrs. P. Tester (foreman), R. Rodgers, P. W. Parker, J. O. Sheppard, J. H. Taggart, Wong Kwong Tin and Wong Kam Fuk.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Messrs. Hastings, Denys and Bowley are for the plaintiffs and defendants are being represented by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master.

In answer to Mr. Jenkin plaintiff said that he had always been under the impression that his title deeds were safe in his son's, Fok Chung Yuen's care, until he saw from an advertisement in August 1923 that the Bank of Canton was going to dispose of his property.

Banknotes Also Disappeared. Plaintiff also said that title deeds of all property which he had purchased were entrusted to his son's care for safe custody. They were kept in a safe at the Fook Lee firm. He added that not only title deeds had disappeared but also banknotes.

The Fook Lee firm was sold to a woman in May 28th, 1923 and his son Fok Chung Yuen ceased to be manager. Plaintiff added that as soon as he had sold the business, he asked his son to produce the title deeds, but the latter had never done so.

Mr. Jenkin asked why the plaintiff had wanted to see the deeds. Plaintiff replied that he was suspicious of his son, Fok Chung Yuen, as he had overdrawn from the business to the extent of \$50,000.

No Dealings With Bank of Canton. In reply to further questions, plaintiff recalled the names of several Chinese banks with whom his son Fok Chung Yuen had done business on behalf of the Fook Lee firm.

Mr. Jenkin: Did your son have any dealings with the Bank of Canton?—I cannot remember exactly whether he had or not, but I believe he had.

Mr. Jenkin: I put it to you that the Fook Lee firm had an account with the Bank of Canton and that cheques were paid into that account?—According to the books, I find that I have had no dealings with the Bank of Canton.

Plaintiff was asked for the books and he said that he did not know where they were as he had left them with his son, Fok Chung Yuen. He also said that Fok Chung Yuen had left the Colony following the Wing On case and had not been seen since.

Mr. Jenkin: In January 1922 your Des Voeux Road, Square Street and No. 30, Hillier Street properties were mortgaged to a man named Fok Wing?—I did not know about it then, but I know it now. I also discovered that from the advertisement.

A Foggy Memory. Mr. Jenkin: In July 1922 the property which you had mortgaged was re-assigned by Fok Wing?—I know nothing about that.

Mr. Jenkin: On the same date, your Hillier Street property was assigned to your daughter-in-law?—I also know nothing about that.

Mr. Jenkin: In December 1922, your Hillier Street lot was sold to your wife?—I know nothing about that.

Mr. Jenkin: But at that time your own residence was in Hillier Street?—Although I was living there, the matter was not told to me so how could I know.

Mr. Jenkin: In March 1923, the Asia Banking Corporation closed its door, do you know that?—I knew nothing about that and even up to now I do not know whether the bank has closed or not.

Mr. Jenkin: Do you ask the gentlemen of the jury to believe that up to now you do not know that the Asia Bank has closed?—How do I know, whether the jury would believe me or not. I believe the bank is functioning.

Mr. Jenkin: I put it to you that you are giving false evidence about not knowing whether or not the Asia Bank has been closed?—I do not even know how many banks are in existence in the Colony.

Plaintiff was questioned as to whether or not he knew that Thos. W. Simmons & Co. had gone into voluntary liquidation. He said that he did not. He could also not recall the date when his son was made compradore to that company, and the date when he ceased to act in that capacity.

To Help Simmons & Co.

Further cross-examined, plaintiff admitted having lent sums of money to Thos. W. Simmons & Co. He also stated that he had mortgaged certain of his property to the International Banking Corporation so as to give Simmons & Co. banking facilities. Later his Hillier Street property was mortgaged for the same purpose.

Mr. Jenkin: Did you do that on the advice or request of your son Chung Yuen?—Yes.

Mr. Jenkin:—And he arranged the whole matter?—Not Chung Yuen, it was my son Hon Fui.

His Lordship: But whose request was it?—Hon Fui's.

Mr. Jenkin: And Chung Yuen had nothing to do with the arrangements in connection with financing Thos. W. Simmons & Co.—No.

Mr. Jenkin: And subsequently some property was mortgaged to the Asia Bank for the same purpose?—Yes.

Mr. Jenkin: Who arranged that?—I cannot remember exactly.

Chinese And Foreign Style. Mr. Jenkin: Do you know that in the latter half of 1920, negotiations were in hand for the amalgamation of Thos. W. Simmons & Co. and the Fook Lee & Co.?—I knew nothing about that amalgamation.

Mr. Jenkin: Rather curious, isn't it that Thos. W. Simmons & Co. had your property under mortgage and you knew nothing about that. Did you know that on November 24th, 1920 Thos. W. Simmons & Co. ceased to exist because they had amalgamated with a new company into a limited company?—No I knew nothing about that.

Mr. Jenkin: Perhaps you will tell us if you know whether Thos. W. Simmons & Co. are now carrying on business here?—You mean Thos. W. Simmons & Co., Ltd.

Mr. Jenkin: No, Thos. W. Simmons & Co. which you were helping with your money?—It has ceased functioning now.

Mr. Jenkin: Did you know or do you deny it that the Fook Lee & Co. and Thos. W. Simmons & Co. had amalgamated and became Thos. W. Simmons & Co., Ltd.?—I did not know about that.

Mr. Jenkin:—Have you ever heard about it?—On one occasion I was asked to take some shares in Thos. W. Simmons & Co. and I refused because the business was done in foreign style and I conducted mine in Chinese.

Mr. Jenkin: His Lordship: But this is not an answer to the question.

The Power Of Attorney. Plaintiff in the afternoon agreed that he had instructed his solicitor to write to the Bank of Canton to say that the signature on the documents pertaining to the mortgage was a forgery. He also said that the letter was written before he had inspected the documents. A previous letter was also sent denying that he had made the assignment.

He had only inspected the documents three years and half after the writ was issued.

Mr. Jenkin: Under the power of attorney which you gave your son Chung Yuen, he had your authority to chop your name in any business connected with the Fook Lee Firm?—What chop? He had only the authority to use Fook Lee's chop.

Mr. Jenkin then referred plaintiff to a clause in the power of attorney which said that Chung Yuen could chop and endorse all

POLICE INFORMER CHARGED.

ALLEGED BULLYING OF REFUGEES.

SOLICITOR'S SARCASTIC ABOUT INFORMERS.

Two refugees, Chun Koon Hung and Chin Tse Yin, were amongst those who arrived in the Colony as refugees from the troubled districts at Suatow. They brought with them, among their worldly belongings, seven pigs and seven sacks of sweet potato flour. They arrived in Hong Kong on the 11th instant and as they landed they were met by Ching Lok Wu, a district Watchman and a man named Wong Muk. The latter, when not plying his trade as a hawker, acts as an "informer" for the Police. These two, it is alleged, threatened to arrest the two refugees as Communists unless they handed over to them the property in question.

At the Central Magistracy before Mr. R. E. Lindsell a strange tale was told. They said that they refused to surrender their property and in consequence were taken to a house in Third Street, West Point and detained for about three days. Finally they managed to see a Chinese Constable, whom they knew, pass the door. They made signs to him and after telling their tale the men regained their freedom.

Again by another chance they met the "police informer" when he was alone and at once seized him and had him arrested.

Asked by the Magistrate why they went with the two men to the house in West Point and allowed themselves to be confined for such a long period without suspecting that they were not in a Police Station, the witnesses replied that they were strangers, and as the appearance of the house in question resembled a Police Station, they did not try to gain their freedom.

Solicitor's Clients Fail To Appear.

When the case was called it was found that the District Watchman, who was on bail of \$500, had absconded.

Mr. Horace Lo, appeared for the Watchman, and Mr. L. D. Turner prosecuted. Inspector Dorling appeared on behalf of the Crown. Mr. Lo said that it looked as if his client had left the Colony. Mr. Turner, agreed and said that he could, perhaps, explain the Watchman's absence. Whilst on bail, the Watchman, had attempted to bribe one of the prosecution witnesses to leave the Colony, but instead, the witness gave information to the police, and said Mr. Turner, he was not surprised that the Watchman had left the Colony.

Mr. Turner also explained that he had been retained to prosecute the Watchman and not the "police informer" as the complainants were not so afraid of the latter. The complainants, explained Mr. Turner, were "simple country people."

The Magistrate expressed his surprise that a "Police Informer" should be in the dock, but Mr. Turner replied that "all kinds of curious people" become police informers.

Since his client had failed to appear, Mr. Lo said that he would drop the case. Mr. Turner, remarked that "he was in the same straits," unless by good fortune the absconded man was re-arrested. The two solicitors then left the Court, and the case proceeded.

The two complainants were then called and told the Court their versions of the story and the case was adjourned.

documents in plaintiff's name or in the name of the Fook Lee firm. Mr. Jenkin: Do you agree that under that power of attorney, your son had the authority to chop your name?—It was intended at the outset to use Fook Lee's chop and to sign my name in business connected with the Fook Lee firm. I have another chop for the purpose of borrowing money in connection with the Fook Lee firm.

Signs His Name In Court. Answering further questions, plaintiff admitted that the chop which he had made when he was a treasurer to the Shun Tak Chamber of Commerce had since been used in connection with the Kung On Godown Co.'s affairs.

His Lordship: Supposing your son had wanted to borrow money for a legitimate business in connection with the Fook Lee firm, would it not be incumbent on him to use your chop?—No.

His Lordship: Why could he not use it? If Fook Lee wanted a loan there was a separate chop for that purpose. For other matters, signature would have to be put on documents.

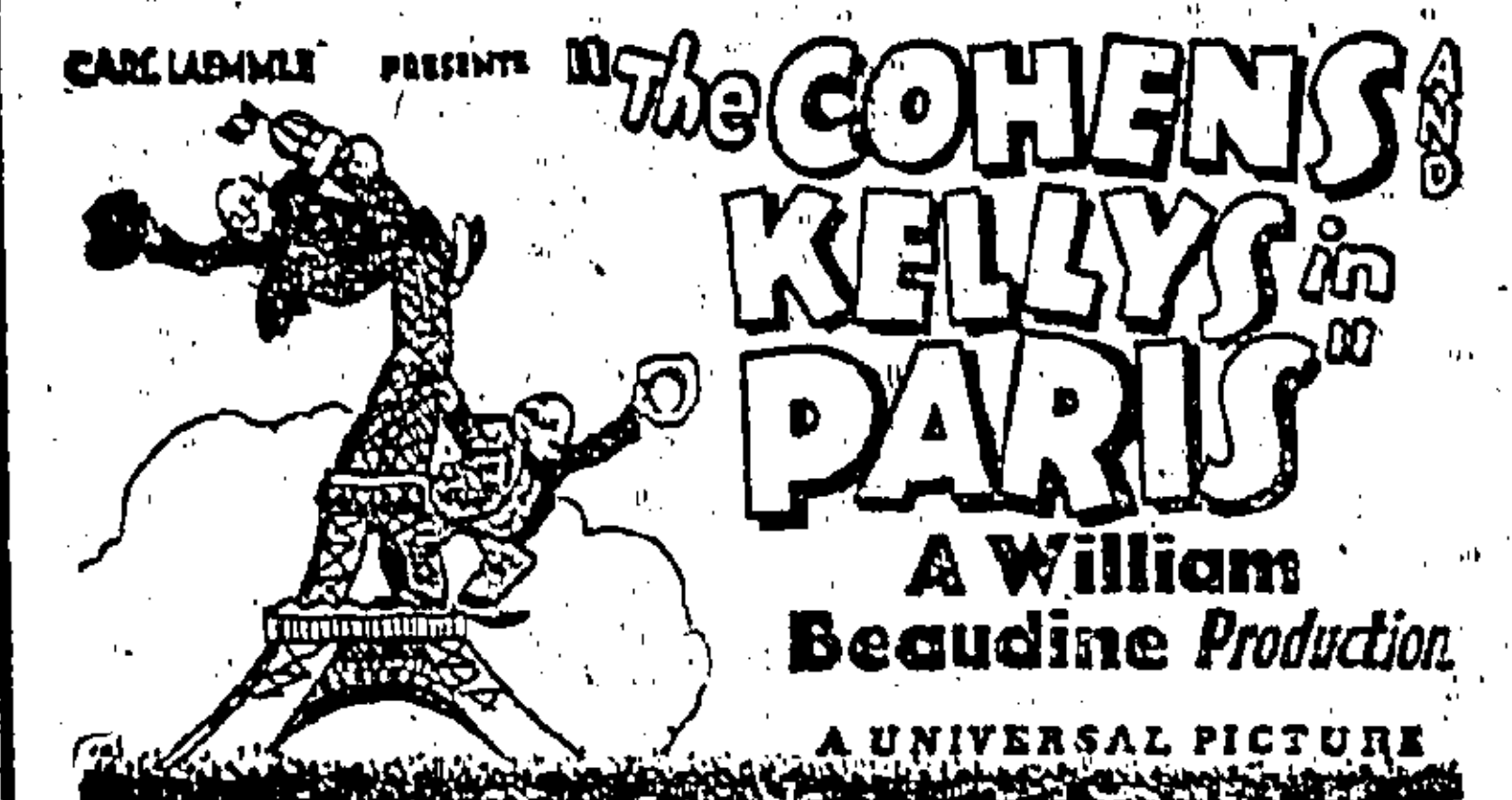
Plaintiff was then closely questioned as to the signatures appearing on the documents in respect of the mortgage and assignment, and he fully and honestly answered the questions.

He was asked that of the four documents there bore the facsimile of his chop. He would say that they were the same impression.

The fourth document there had been some slight alteration. Plaintiff was then asked to sign his name on four different sheets of paper and in different positions. He did so and these will, probably be submitted to an expert in Chinese writing.

The case will be continued this morning.

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QUESTION OF WIRELESS COMPETITION.

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About 1,000 people will be employed in manufacturing the cable, which is expected to be ready for laying by the Dominica, the largest cable ship afloat, about October next.

There are sixteen cables joined to the Azores, linking up with all other parts of the world. The exchange there is referred to as the "Charing Cross of the Atlantic," as it is from this point that all "traffic" in words is directed north, south, east, and west.

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DISCUSSION IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

CONFLICT OF OPINION BETWEEN SIR HENRY POLLOCK AND THE D.P.W.

THE GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE.

At the next meeting of the Legislative Council Sir Henry Pollock will be acting as Attorney-General. The debate initiated by him in the Council Chamber yesterday, therefore, may be regarded as his swan song before he takes his place in the official ranks. It concerned the unsatisfactory replies by Government to his questions on public bathing facilities and playgrounds. From now onwards, until the end of the year, Sir Henry may "think" that the Government replies to questions are unsatisfactory, but he will not be permitted to say so. Yesterday was the last opportunity for free speech, and it will be generally conceded by those who read the discussion that the Hon. Member representing the Justices of the Peace took full advantage of the occasion.

During the course of the debate Sir Henry Pollock was pleased to "describe as absurd the contention put forward in the Daily Press that the question of public expenditure on the provision of bathing facilities was very largely concerned with the question of transport. We would suggest on our part that this statement of opinion is proof that Sir Henry had not considered the problem in its broad aspect. A few cubicles here or there is a matter of small importance, but the principle is sound that large public expenditure should not be incurred in providing bathing facilities in those places which can only be reached by the comparatively few individuals who can afford to pay a dollar or more on the journey to and from them.

Last year a sum of \$7,300, in addition to maintenance and supervision charges, was spent by the Government at the Repulse Bay beach. This was nearly half the total expenditure by the Government on bathing facilities in the Colony. About 68,000 people used the accommodation at North Point, Kennedy Town and Taiwan. Apart from the owners of private matsheds 2,000 went to Repulse Bay. These figures illustrate our point.

The debate showed a direct conflict of opinion between Sir Henry and the Director of Public Works on the question of the space available for cubicles at Repulse and Stanley Bays. Sir Henry said there was plenty of room for them and the Director of Public Works said there was not. H.E. the Governor will have plans submitted to him so that he may judge for himself. The Government's attitude was very sympathetic and if there is room for more public cubicles they will be built.

Sir Henry Pollock caused some amusement by explaining that what he meant by a pavilion was a humble matshed where bathers might rest and have a picnic. The word appeals to us and in our next letters home we shall refer to our bathing pavilion at Repulse Bay. It will create a favourable impression in the family circle.

The problem of finding a suitable area in Kowloon for a children's playground has been referred to the Public Works Department with a request that they will report upon any sites which may be acquired either by purchase or exchange. This report will in due course be placed before the Finance Committee.

As will be seen, therefore, the discussion served a useful purpose. The only member of the public present to listen to the speeches was Mr. W. J. Stokes of the Kowloon Residents' Association.

SIR HENRY POLLOCK.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: Sir, pursuant to notice I beg to move the motion

"That the answers given in this Council on the 10th April to my question 4 and 7 are unsatisfactory."

My question 4 is divided into two branches, one of which refers to Repulse Bay and the other to Stanley Bay. My question with reference to Repulse Bay was whether the Government would put up additional bathing cubicles and pavilion accommodation for the use of the public at Repulse Bay. To that the Colonial Secretary replied that "at present, 15 cubicles, 10 feet by 8 feet, are being erected, with fresh water showers, water standpipes, etc., 10 being for men and 5 for women." No provision is being made for a pavilion."

I submit, Sir, pausing there, that that answer to my question with regard to bathing accommodation at Repulse Bay is eminently unsatisfactory, because so far from the Government putting up anything in the way of additional public bathing accommodation in the shape of cubicles for Repulse Bay they are proposing very much to curtail the bathing accommodation which was recommended less than two years ago by the Bathing Beaches Committee in Sessional Paper No. 12 of 1926, their report being dated 17th July, 1923.

Committee's Report.

On that Bathing Beaches Committee the late Dr. Addison was Chairman, and the other members were Sir Shou-son Chow, Mr. D. W. Tratman, Dr. A. G. M. Severn, Mr. E. W. Carpenter and myself. With regard to the accommodation to be granted to the public at Repulse Bay in the way of bathing cubicles the Committee made the following recommendation. I am quoting now,

Sir, from paragraph (c) of section 11 of their report:—

"The facilities for bathing for persons not having the use of matsheds are at present confined to a few small canvas tents belonging to the Repulse Bay Hotel for the use of which a charge of 50 cents is made. They are insufficient in number for the purpose they are meant to serve. We recommend that facilities be provided by the erection of two matsheds, one for men and the other for women and children, divided each into 16 cubicles, at spots on which the Committee have agreed and which are known to the representative of the Public Works Department on the Committee, Mr. Carpenter. If this accommodation proves insufficient it should be extended."

From that recommendation of the Bathing Beaches Committee it will be gathered that the Committee, after fully considering the question, came to the conclusion that they ought to put at Repulse Bay, for the accommodation of the public, two matsheds, each of them divided into 16 cubicles, or in all 32 cubicles. Now, Sir, compare that with the answer to my question. The answer to my question is that at present 15 cubicles are being erected at Repulse Bay, 10 for men and 5 for women. In other words, the proposed accommodation to be put up for the public at Repulse Bay this summer is just under one-half of that recommended by this Committee, who took a great deal of trouble in going into the whole of this bathing question less than two years ago. I submit, Sir, that is very unsatisfactory indeed.

Transport.

I have read somewhere that the question of public bathing accommodation is a question of transport, but of course, Sir, that cannot be so, because you cannot expect people to arrive out at Repulse Bay in either a motor car or one of the Hong Kong Hotel buses and undress in the sight of everyone else on the beach. It is a very crowded beach. It is not, Sir, a place where you can hide away in a corner from the sight of your fellow creatures, and it is, therefore, absurd, I submit, to say that the question of whether public bathing accommodation should be provided is a question of transport. It

cannot be. You want transport to get you there and you want accommodation when you get there.

With regard, Sir, to the question of transport, the Hong Kong Hotel Company in the summer, and especially on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, run bathing buses at comparatively frequent intervals, and I imagine there would not be very much difficulty if there was a public demand for the purpose about the Hotel Company making reservations in certain buses beforehand. That cannot be difficult, because to my knowledge there are a number of seats being reserved in the buses in connection with the ceremony Your Excellency is going to perform in laying the foundation stone of St. Stephen's College at Stanley Bay. Therefore, Sir, transport accommodation is available, but it is no good having transport down to the bathing benches unless you have either a private matshed or there are bathing cubicles to go into. I do hope that the Government will, in dealing with this question of bathing cubicle accommodation at Repulse Bay, pay heed to the recommendations of the Committee who dealt with this matter less than two years ago.

Pavilions.

I have also suggested in my question that (besides the bathing cubicles) pavilion accommodation should be put up. I am afraid, Sir, that the word "pavilion" which I used has turned out to be rather a foolish term, because some people seem afraid, from what I can gather, that I advocated the erection of a stately pleasure dome with a kiosk, and possibly band stand, Ionic columns and so forth. Instead of pavilion I ought to have used the word matshed. I intended nothing more serious than a matshed in which people could sit out either before or after bathing with their children and stop there in comfort for sometime, because, Sir, it is absurd to suppose that members of the public should go out to Repulse Bay either on a Saturday afternoon, or Sunday, and simply want to dash out there and, after a bathe, to dash back. They do want, I submit, in all the circumstances to have a place in which they can sit down and have a kind of *al fresco* picnic. This, I think, a necessary concomitant to public bathing accommodation at Repulse Bay. In fact, I notice in their report, the Bathing Beaches Committee speak of Repulse Bay as one of the beaches which is used partly for bathing and partly for picnics and there can be no doubt that this is the way in which people who own private matsheds use the beach. They do not simply dash into the water and dash out and come away, but they stop there for some hours and have a rest. The public ought to have the same convenience.

Stanley Bay.

Now Sir, passing on to the second part of my question No. 4 I asked whether the Government would put up bathing cubicles for the use of the public at the Bay near Stanley where private matsheds have already been erected. The answer to that part of my question was as follows:—

"The beach at Stanley has been fully allocated; two or three additional sheds might be erected on the high ground above the beach but this site is not considered suitable."

Well, Sir, that answer is unsatisfactory because it does not fit in with the recommendation of the Bathing Beaches Committee. That Committee stated:—

"There are at present five matsheds at Stanley. It is considered there is room for 52. It is recommended licenses should be granted up to this number. With regard to public bathing accommodation, they recommended that bathing cubicles should be provided on Crown land nearby for eight persons of each sex, the number to be increased, if necessary, there being ample space for expansion."

Now, Sir, you will notice these words "there being ample space available for expansion." I lay some emphasis upon them because in the Government answer we are told that the beach has been fully allocated, but that two or three additional sheds might be erected on the higher ground above the beach. Obviously, Sir, there is complete discrepancy between the Government answer and the recommendations of the Bathing Beaches Committee who went out there and examined Stanley Bay on the spot.

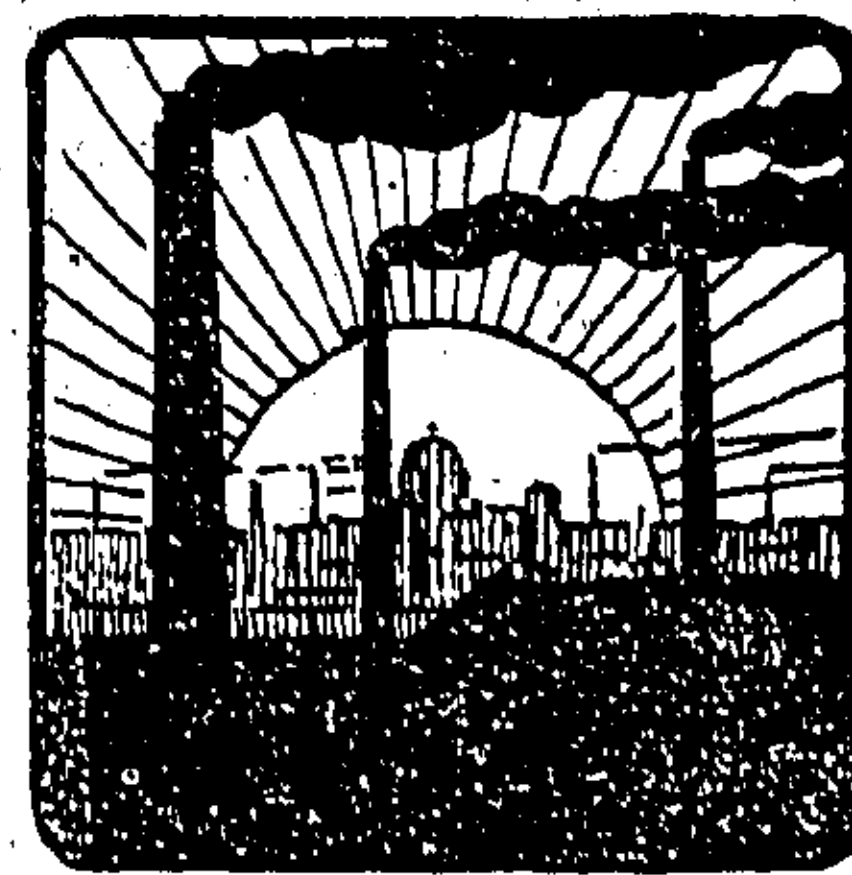
With regard to the question of transport accommodation for the public to Stanley Bay, I was very much interested when I went out there the other day in connection with St. Stephen's College site to find, as I was approaching the winding path that leads down to the beach, a very big motor bus of the Aberdeen Motor Bus Company. I found that a number of enterprising Service men had chartered this Aberdeen motor bus and were going down to this beach. There can be no doubt, Sir, if there was public bathing accommodation at Stanley that it would be made use of very fully.

With regard to pavilion or matshed shelter at Stanley the same observations apply as I have used with regard to Repulse Bay. After a bathe it is very desirable to have a place to sit down in and have a rest and a picnic. I think that is all I need say with regard to my question No. 4.

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In view of the expected collapse of the Shantung Forces Japanese Troops have been sent to the province in considerable numbers and this action has been the subject of protest from both the Nanking and Peking Governments.

In Canton Marshal Li Tsai Hsin has resumed control and in an interview explains the reason for his visit to Nanking and the outlines of his future policy. Statements have also been issued of an extensive re-organisation of the Kwangtung Government. After being kept a profound secret for a fortnight the news has been released of the capture and execution of the notorious Communist Li Lu Sin who was chief secretary of the "Communist Soviet" set up for two days last December.

The Annual meeting of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce heard interesting addresses from Mr. T. G. Weall, the Vice-Chairman, and H.E. The Governor. The financial position of the Chamber is most satisfactory and trade prospects for the coming year were described as good.

The next few weeks are likely to be of special interest in view of the war situation. People at Home will be glad to receive the full account of its development as given by the WEEKLY PRESS. To those with a stake in the Colony the Canton news and the speeches at the Chamber of Commerce meeting will be of particular value.

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RESEARCH COUNCIL IN CHEMISTRY.

AN AMBITIOUS SCHEME.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, April 26th.

A Research Council of the Chemistry Department of Sun Yat Sen University, Canton, has been organized. Its purpose as set forth in the preamble of its Constitution, is to investigate the chemical industrial conditions in South China with a view to improving them, to conduct research work, pure and applied, to offer assistance to manufacturers, and to advance the science of chemistry in general. The Council held its initial meeting yesterday afternoon at Sun Yat Sen University when a comprehensive programme was drawn up. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Chen Chung Nan, Dean of the College of Science of the University and Chairman of the Council. The following four committees were organized: General Affairs, Investigation, Research, and Chemical Industrial Education. The Chairmen of these Committees are respectively Mr. Wa Tao Fang, Mr. Kan Shing Yuan, Dr. Chen Ko Chung, and Mr. Wong Bing Fong, all of whom are professors of chemistry in the University.

FOREIGN AND CHINESE BOOKS.

The Department has decided to establish a well equipped up-to-date scientific library. Every book, magazine and pamphlet of value on chemistry and cognate subjects, whether it be in Chinese or in foreign language, will be bought and placed on the shelf of the library where it will be readily accessible to every scientist engaged on research. In the selection of scientific literature preference will be given to original publications, from Western universities and colleges, and from the Smithsonian Institution at Washington D.C. and the Royal Institution in London, and the like. Letters have already been sent to these institutions of learning, requesting them to send to the Chemistry Department of the University at the latter's cost their scientific publications.

The chemistry departmental library of the University has already been well equipped with modern books and periodicals on chemistry. Recently many new books and magazines have been added to the list, including those on chemical technology, medicine and other branches of applied science. But these science workers here still feel the inadequacy of the reference library. It was on this account that the Chemistry Department here has decided to embark on this scheme.

Closely co-operating with the manufacturers in Canton and elsewhere the Research Council will issue from time to time pamphlets dealing with certain special phases of chemical technology as well as those of a pure scientific nature. These publications will be distributed free to manufacturers in Canton and elsewhere and to the chemistry students at the University. In addition the Chemistry Department will publish its own journal and it is hoped to produce the first issue in the latter part of May. The journal is in Chinese.

The formation of the Research Council has been due largely to the untiring efforts and foresight of Dean Chen Chung Nan, who has been teaching chemistry in Sun Yat Sen University for the past fifteen years. Dean Chen, who received his education in the United States, is a man of keen intellect; a teacher and scholar. Practically all the members of the teaching staff of the Chemistry Department are American returned students.

UNIVERSITY'S SUPPORT.

The University authorities have thoroughly approved of the formation of the Research Council and have willingly supplied it with all necessary funds. They have promised \$5,500 for organization expenses, of which more than \$3,000 have already been given. The balance they will give in a very short time. The yearly expenditures of the Council has been fixed at \$13,000, which was also approved by the University. More money will be given to the Council as needed.

Under the auspicious aegis of the Research Council a group of senior chemistry students and professors will go to Hong Kong in a week or two to visit certain factories there including the Tai Shing Paper Factory, the Hong Kong Gas Plant, and a factory where liquid air is produced. The party will stay in Hong Kong for about four days.

THE WHAMPOA ACADEMY.

TO BE REORGANISED.

RESULT OF CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN CHIANG AND LI.

TO PREVENT FUTURE CONFLICTS.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, April 26th.

The Whampoa military cadets who were to have gone to Nanking last December, are to remain in Whampoa. An order to this effect has already been issued by Marshal Li Tsai Hsin. They will be reorganized under the direction of the Marshal and the military school attached to the Headquarters of the 8th Route Army will be incorporated with Whampoa Academy. The name Whampoa Military Academy will not be used and henceforth it will be known as the "Military Officers' Training Institute."

The object of the reorganization, according to Marshal Li Tsai Hsin, is to prevent conflicts between the cadets and the Canton authorities. In the past the Whampoa cadets have not always been on friendly terms with the Canton regime. When Marshal Li was in Nanking he conferred with Marshal Chiang Kai Shek with regard to the pacification of the cadets. Marshal Li then suggested that the Whampoa Military Academy should be reorganized on the lines described. Marshal Chiang thoroughly appreciated the difficulties of the Canton Government and agreed with the suggestions.

CHIANG TO BE PRESIDENT.

After the reorganization Marshal Chiang Kai Shek will continue to be the President of the institution, and Marshal Li Tsai Hsin, the Vice-President. The former, being so far away, will be the titular head and Li Tsai Hsin will be in control.

Marshal Li Tsai Hsin has already sent Mr. Li King Yang, principal of the school for secretaries in the 8th Route Army, to Whampoa to make the necessary rearrangements for the formal opening of the "Military Officers' Training Institute." Mr. Li King Yang has been appointed dean of the Institute and will be in direct charge, with responsibility for discipline and training.

HOTEL GUESTS ROBBED. TWO LARCENIES IN ONE DAY.

An unusual case of two hotel guests being robbed of substantial amounts at different times on the same day was reported to the Police yesterday by the management of the Meowho Hotel.

From the report it appeared that while a guest was asleep in his room, he had \$36 in Australian banknotes taken from the pocket of his jacket which was hanging on a peg in his room.

Although the Police have their suspicions, no arrests have been made. They are following several clues and expect to bring the culprit to book before long.

KNOCKED DOWN BY MOTOR LORRY.

An inquest was held yesterday afternoon at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court on a Chinese who met his death on April 18th as a result of being knocked down by a motor lorry at Gascoigne Road.

It appeared from the evidence that the deceased suddenly left the footpath to cross the road in front of the oncoming lorry. Unfortunately for him, the lorry was too near with the result that he was knocked down and sustained serious injuries. He died later at the Kowloon Hospital.

The evidence showed that the driver was in no way to blame and the jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

THE "EMPRESS'S" BODY-GUARD.

The twenty men of the Queen's Regiment, under Lieut. Elliott, who travelled by the *Empress of Canada* to Shanghai, returned here yesterday by the *Empress of Russia*. They were embarked on account of prevalent but entirely unfounded rumours to the effect that a big gang of pirates had designs on the C.P.S. liner in question.

According to the passenger list the *Empress of Russia's* stout body-guard were accommodated in the Nursery.

CHINESE TEMPLES ORDINANCE.

PETITION FROM TEMPLE-KEEPERS.

BILL AMENDED AND PASSED.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon the Ordinance to suppress and prevent abuses in the management of Chinese temples and in the administration of the funds of Chinese temples was upon the agenda for its third reading.

The Colonial Secretary, in this connection reported the receipt of a petition in connection with this Bill and moved that it be read.

The Attorney-General seconded. He said: This petition was received only a few hours before the last meeting of the Council when it was intended to read the Chinese Temples Bill a second time. The Bill in accordance with the provisions of the Royal Instructions and the Standing Rules and Orders of the Council was advertised in the *Gazette* and in two English newspapers and two Chinese newspapers. The Bill itself was published in Chinese with very full objects and reasons in the *Gazette* and the Chinese version of the Bill with the Objects and Reasons appeared in the Chinese Press. It is a pity, therefore, that the petition was not presented at an earlier date. It is also a pity that the petitioners did not adopt the more usual and convenient course of first approaching the Chinese members of this Council or the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

However, the petition has been considered carefully by the promoters of this Bill, the two Chinese members of this Council, by the Governor and by the District Council; also by the District Watchmen's Committee and I am authorized by the promoters to say that they propose to move in committee certain amendments to the Bill in order to meet the representations of the petitioners. The petition is presented by 22 keepers of the To Yuen. These To Yuen are not temples in the ordinary sense, but are places where members of religious orders live, where they perform certain ceremonies and where they may be sent for by persons who desire their services at weddings and funeral ceremonies.

The clause to which the petitioners object is clause 4. That clause provides that no Chinese temple which is in existence at the commencement of this Ordinance shall be maintained for a longer period than six months from the date of the commencement of the Ordinance unless it is a building which is a complete and separate building and which is used for the purpose of such temple and for no other purpose. The section also provides that in future no Chinese temple shall be established or maintained unless it is a building which is a complete and separate building and which is erected and is used for the purpose of such temple and for no other purpose.

The petitioners point out that they are not in a position to provide themselves with or to rent a complete building and are obliged to occupy portions of a building only. If the clause were to be passed in its present form, therefore, the effect would be that the To Yuen would have to close down and as they appear to supply a certain demand of a certain portion of the community it is thought desirable to amend the clause so as to enable them to carry on their calling. The amendment proposed, Sir, will be an amendment to give the Chinese Temples Committee power to exempt these To Yuen and, indeed, any Chinese Temple from the provisions of this clause. There will also be power, as there must be, for the Chinese Temples Committee to withdraw any exemption which may have been granted. In each case there will be an appeal to the Governor in Council; that is to say there will be an appeal from any refusal by the Chinese Temples Committee to grant exemption and an appeal from the withdrawal by the Chinese Temples Committee of an exemption that has been granted.

These proposed amendments, Sir, I may say have also the approval of the Government. Perhaps I should say that there is no present intention of assuming any financial or other control over establishments of the kind to which these To Yuen belong so long as each individual To Yuen is conducted lawfully and properly.

The petition was then read. Council went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause and during the Committee stage the amendments as outlined by the Attorney-General were proposed by the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, seconded by the Hon. Dr. Kotewall and approved.

Upon Council resuming the Bill was read a third time and passed. Council then adjourned sine die. Those present at the meeting were H.E. the Governor, the Colonial Secretary, the Attorney-General, the Colonial Treasurer, the Director of Public Works, the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Secretary for (Continued at foot of next column.)

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

TODAY'S CEREMONY AT STANLEY.

THE NEW SITE AND FIRST BUILDING.

Stanley Peninsula, the new site granted to St. Stephen's College by the Government of Hong Kong, is situated on the South side of the Island, a few minutes run by car from Repulse Bay Hotel. The distance from the City is 8½ miles, or half-an-hour by car.

The site is an ideal one for a school, receiving the prevailing Summer winds from South-west or South-east direct from the Ocean. The scenery on all sides is superb. The distance from the City is accounted a direct advantage by the school authorities, whose plan is to emphasize and develop the boarding side of the school, without altogether abolishing the facilities for day-boys. For the latter it is hoped to run the present school bus at a fare of twenty cents per trip. But the advantages for boarders are obvious. Not only does the Peninsula lend itself naturally for disciplinary purposes, but its extensiveness makes a hundred opportunities for employing the boarders for seven full days per week in happy and healthful occupations. Boarders and day-boys alike will be encouraged to spend their half-holidays at Stanley, not in the City.

Two full-size football fields will be available, and a large number of tennis courts. A cricket pitch will be laid between the football grounds. Hockey, volleyball, basketball and other games will be played in the purest air amidst healthy and beautiful surroundings. The running track will be a full quarter-mile in circuit, and 220 yards straight can be run on the level.

There is a handy bathing beach at hand for the students, a bay immediately under the site on the S.W., long known to some few bathing connoisseurs for its sandy bottom and clear water.

The question of health is one to which the utmost expert consideration has been given. In the first place St. Stephen's College boarders and staff have been living on the South coast of the Island, at Pokfulam House, for the past four years. The health of the students has shown remarkable improvement there. Necessary nullah-training is already planned for Stanley together with other health measures under skilled medical supervision. The lack of paddy at Stanley will be noted by visitors. One small patch at present on the South side of the site should not be difficult to drain and should not be run from Taitum Reservoir by the College, so that wholesome drinking-water will be available. All students will be accommodated in properly constructed buildings, with every modern sanitary convenience. None will sleep on the ground floor. A fully-qualified European doctor will live at the school.

Description Of Site.

The school-site embraces 24.21 acres, or 1,034,000 square feet. It includes the old military sites, already levelled, consisting of various level building lots on raised eminences. The South-west portion is the old military parade-ground, suitable for football grounds and running track. The site nearest to the Police Station is earmarked for science laboratories and workshops. Not only are physics, chemistry and biology laboratories planned, but it is desired also to make a special feature of practical work in the new school, and therefore to include a forge and a carpenter's shop. Another site is planned eventually for staff-quarters; and the next, the highest site, is marked out for the Chapel, which should crown the site and make a striking landmark from the ocean. Other sites are prepared for school houses (for boarders and staff); communal dining-hall; isolation ward; museum and library. A road is planned on the south-east, but for the present the existing track will be followed on the West from Stanley Village. A Police Station adjoins the site. Water service will be installed for drinking and for flushing purposes; telephone-service is already available, and electric light connection has already been made.

The First Building.

The Main Building first to be erected will be in the shape of the letter H, the cross-stroke representing the Great Hall. At the East and West extremities of the Great Hall will run two parallel buildings each 190 feet in length, making twelve large class and office rooms on the ground floor, with large Entrance-hall (40'x40'), lavatories, (Continued on next column.)

Chinese Affairs, the Director of Public Works, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes and the Deputy Clerk of Councils (Mr. T. W. Ainsworth).

Whilst the new school is being added to the Colonial Secretariat future meetings of the Legislative Council will be held in the offices of the Sanitary Board.

A STRONG MINDED AMAH.

SORAP WITH ALLEGED INTRUDER.

THEFT OF CLOTH?

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning a Chinese was charged with stealing a parcel containing a quantity of cloth.

The defendant gained admittance to the house at No. 83, Praya East, on the pretext of renting a cubicle. An amah employed at the house said that the defendant came in and sat down on her bed. During the conversation that followed witness, stated that she saw the defendant conceal the parcel under his jacket. She at once accused him but he denied any knowledge of the parcel. The amah shut the door and said she would search him. He at once rushed the door and forcing it open ran down into the street pursued by the amah blowing a police whistle. He was later arrested by an Indian constable.

The Indian constable giving evidence said that whilst on duty at Spring Garden Lane he heard a police whistle being blown and saw the defendant running away. He gave chase and arrested him. Asked by the Magistrate whether the complainant accused the defendant of having the stolen goods on his person, the witness replied "No, she only said that the defendant had stolen her cloth."

"Could See No Reason."

The Magistrate asked defendant if he could explain why the amah had accused him of theft and why he had run away if he were innocent as he asserted.

The defendant evaded the question, but further pressed said that he could see no reason for being accused.

The cloth in question was found on the amah's bed and when this was brought to her notice the woman said that he must have thrown the parcel down when he attempted to escape.

The principal tenant of the house who is named as the complainant, did not appear in Court and the case was adjourned until this morning.

temporary dining-hall, and accommodation on the upper floors for fifty-five boarders and three masters. A tower storey will provide one set of married quarters. Temporarily it will be possible to accommodate ninety boarders on the upper floors of the building. The length of the building is thus 190 feet and the breadth 132 feet. Up-to-date sanitary and hot and cold water installations, with a system of septic tanks, are included in the plans for this building. The floors will be of concrete, covered with miraboo; and the roofs will be of concrete with Chinese roll and pan-tiles for coolness. The ground floor will be of simple plaster, so that the building may be fire-proof. The architect is Colonel L. G. Bird, of Messrs. Palmer & Turner, and the contractors are Messrs. Lam Woon.

The school committee is in possession of sufficient funds to erect the main building, described above; and to cover the expense of nullah-training, water-installation, and development of the site and playing-fields. It is, however, considered a matter of some urgency to proceed at once to the erection of another hotel, to provide for a further sixty boarders, and for married staff. Sixty-three boarders are at present in residence at Pokfulam, and the accommodation in the main building alone at Stanley will be quite inadequate in view of the considerable increase of boarders expected. The provision of an additional hotel is therefore an urgent and immediate need. The sum of \$150,000 is required for this purpose. The new school is expected to be ready for occupation in the middle of 1929.

The stone-laying ceremony will be carried out by H.E. the Governor this (Friday) afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP.

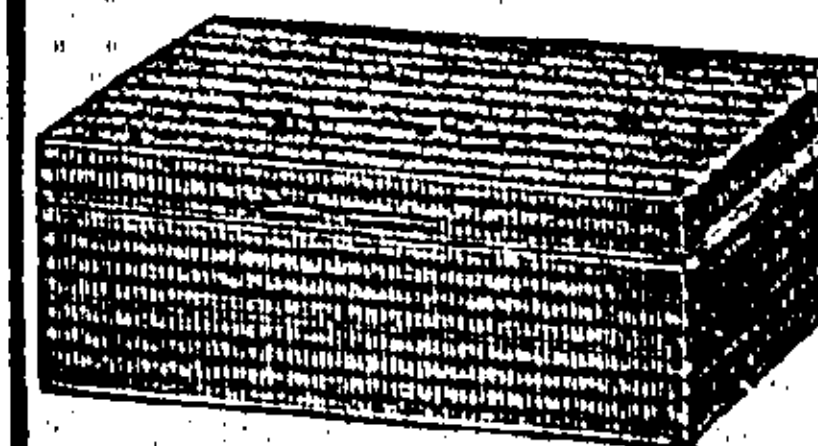
The Bishop of Victoria in a letter to the Rev. E. W. L. Martin, the Principal of St. Stephen's, says:— I write to say how greatly I regret my inability to be present at the laying of the foundation stone of St. Stephen's College at Stanley on the 27th. As you know I have to be away at that time at Shanghai for the meeting of the General Synod of the Chung Hwa Sheng Kung Hui.

I am glad indeed that the day has arrived when after these twenty-five years St. Stephen's College can look forward to having a permanent home of its own on so beautiful a site. It seems to me that a boarding-school, with ideals such as St. Stephen's has before it, must have a very real part to play in the life of this place.

I am particularly glad that you will have joined to the school such fine playing fields, and also room for future expansion, and I look forward with confidence to the time when in the not remote future, you may find it possible to proceed with further instalments of the plan that is before you.

I wish the College every prosperity in this new stage in its development.

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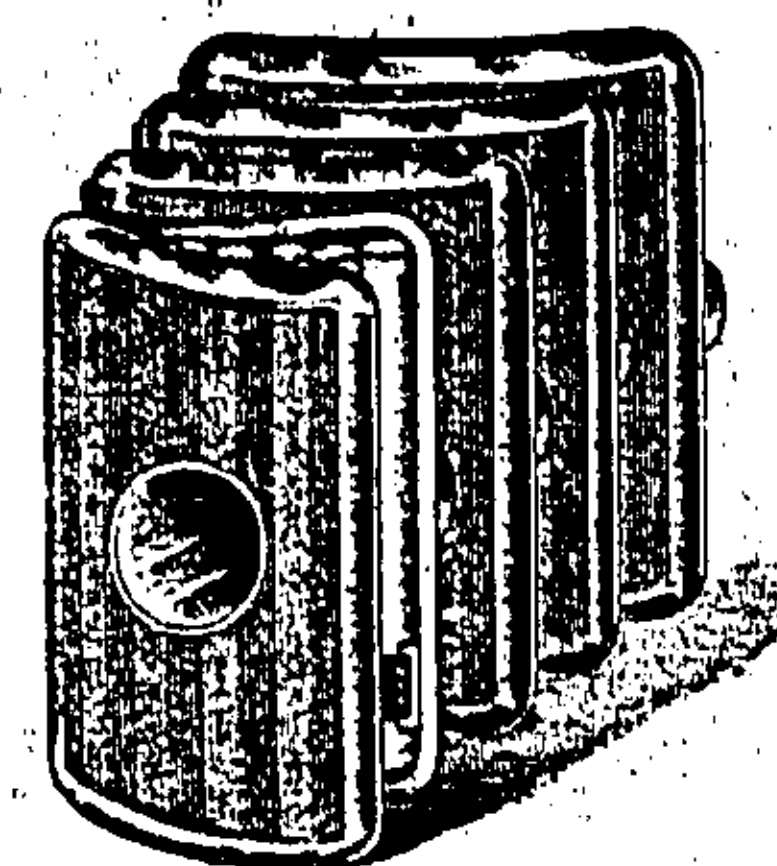


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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE ESTATE OF EVELYN EDWARD DE WIVELESSE ABNEY, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of the Provisions of Section 38 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897, made an Order Limiting the Time for Creditors and Others to send in their Claims against the above Estate to the 21st Day of MAY, 1928.

All Creditors and Others are accordingly hereby required to send in their Claims to the Undersigned on or before that Date.

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9, Queen's Road Central,
Hong Kong. [6178]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

MISCELLANEOUS PROCEEDINGS No. 14 of 1928.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HONG KONG TRUST CORPORATION, LIMITED (AS REORGANIZED).

AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, 1911.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition for confirming the Reduction of the Capital of the above Company from HK\$1,000,000 to HK\$600,000 was on the 13th Day of APRIL, 1928, presented to the Supreme Court of Hong Kong, and is now pending. A List of the Persons admitted to have been Creditors of the above Company on the 27th Day of APRIL, 1928 (the Date fixed by the Order in this matter dated the 20th Day of APRIL, 1928), may be inspected at the Office of Messrs. J. E. M. & S. Solicitors to the Company at No. 1, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, at Any Time during Usual Business Hours.

Any Person who claims to have been a Creditor of the Company and who is not entered in the said List and claims to be so entered must on or before the 4th Day of MAY, 1928, send in his Name and Address and the particulars of his Claim and the Name and Address of his Solicitor (if any) to the Undersigned at No. 1, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, or in default thereof he will be precluded from objecting to the proposed Reduction of Capital.

Dated this 27th Day of April, 1928.
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Solicitors to the Company,
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Victoria, Hong Kong. [6183]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS OF ARTHUR BINGHAM GASSON, Late of KINGSBOROUGH, BRITAIN, Who died at KENT, in the UNITED KINGDOM, DECEASED.

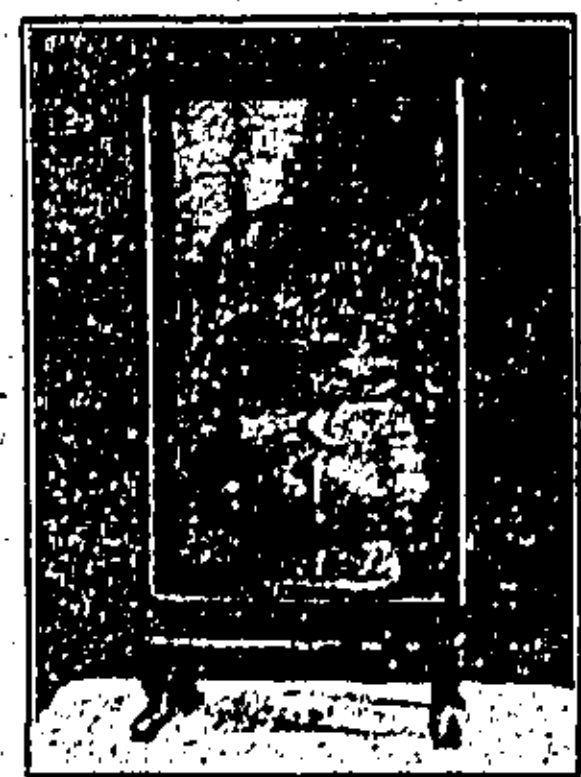
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED, will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. SWEAN, TOMES & CO., St. George's Building, Charter Road, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd DAY of MAY, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1927, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 2nd APRIL, 1928, to 2nd MAY, 1928, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
HERBERT R. STURT,
Secretary,
Hong Kong, 19th Apr., 1928. [6162]

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 5th MAY, 1928 (Weather Permitting), may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club, and CAUSEWAY BAY STABLES.

Entries will CLOSE at 6 P.M., on FRIDAY, 27th APRIL, 1928. [6163]

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 17th MAY, 1928, Both Days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Agents,
Hong Kong, 26th April, 1928. [6172]

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

ALL Old Boys, Parents and Friends are invited to attend the Laying of the Foundation Stone by H.E. His Excellency, at ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, on FRIDAY, APRIL 27th.

2.15 P.M.—Hong Kong Hotel Buses and Cars leave BLAKE PIER.
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3.30 P.M.—Stone-laying by H.E. His Excellency.
4.00 P.M.—Tea on the Site.
4.15 P.M.—First Bus leaves for Hong Kong.

The Band of the 1st Battalion Queen's Royal Regiment, by the kindness of Col. Boyd and Officers, will play before and after the Ceremony. [6174]

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R. J. VERNALL,
Hon. Secretary, R.H.K.Y.C. [6171]

NOTICE.

THIS is to advise that from the 24th INST. Mr. JULIUS MARCUS No Longer Represents our Company.

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G. B.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 30th DAY of APRIL, 1928, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Mong Kok in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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NOTICE.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above Examinations will begin on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13th, 1928. Forms of Entry and Copies of the Regulations and the Syllabus can be obtained on application to the Registrar.

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W. B. FINNIGAN,
Registrar. [6175]
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Hong Kong, April 27th, 1928.

THE BUDGET.

In the latter stages of the Great War when money was spent like water and National credit had to be recklessly pledged the prospect of the day of reckoning was viewed with the utmost apprehension by everyone holding either large or small investments in British stock or War Loan. National bankruptcy was feared by the pessimists while even the optimists could only look forward to some kind of camouflaged repudiation of the National Debt by reductions on the promised rates of interest. The outlook would have been regarded as well nigh hopeless if, in addition, it could have been foreseen that Labour was to indulge in years of madness before learning that attempts to maintain a wholly artificial standard of wages must result in unemployment and the barest pittance for non-privileged forms of occupation.

But the British nation has shouldered the burden. The charges on the debt both to private and foreign creditors have been paid, the unemployed have been provided for, relief to war sufferers has been on an unprecedented scale and in addition large measures of social reform, notably in the housing of the people, have been carried through.

The national accounts were closed for the past year with a small surplus and the estimates introduced on Tuesday show an expected reduction of £22 millions in Government expenditure.

As yet it is impossible to effect any substantial reduction in taxation. The income tax remains at four shillings in the pound and the death duties and super-tax stay at their former rates. A slight relief has been granted to the family man which is much more sensible than any penalising of the unmarried. It is a question of raising money wherever possible without either causing direct hardship or rousing storms of protest. Certain sources of revenue are still taboo. The British people, for instance, prefer any method of taxation to direct imposts on certain articles of food and are ready to face exactly the same increases of cost if they come by way of extra transport charges. Petrol is too costly and the motor transport industry can afford the burden, most of which, however, will be passed on to the consumer of goods carried by motor lorries and in extra motor bus fares. The tax may tend to check the expansion of this new amazing industry, but as this will give the railways a chance and perhaps lessen the cost of road upkeep the gain may equal the loss.

It would seem that the need for economy has been grasped by both people and Government, though the fallacy, fostered by Mr. Lloyd George and the Socialists, that reckless expenditure was good for trade, has died hard.

A further break with what may be called the Lloyd George era of finance is seen in the reduction of 10 million pounds for Government services. The big bureaucracies created during the war, when close supervision was needed in many directions, are unnecessary now that commerce and industry have no longer to be protected from an external foe and can be left to themselves. For a long time after the Armistice there was far too much Government control both of business and of local government. The Budget is essentially built on the principle of leaving well alone. It has been received with approbation in business circles and an era of peace at home should now see a steady rising tide of prosperity for all sections of the community.

A concert will be given to-night at 9 p.m. in the Union Church, Kowloon, by the following artists: Soprano, Mrs. Minney; Baritone, Surgeon, Lt. J. Bragg; R.N.; Violinist, Mr. J. Bragg; Reciter, Miss Aitchison; Duet, Mr. and Mrs. Frank White; Glee, Male Voice Party; Accompanist, Mr. R. Baldwin. The Proceeds will be given to the piano fund.

As it is the birthday of H.M. the Emperor of Japan on Sunday, the 29th inst., the local Japanese Consul-General is prepared to receive with pleasure the Government officials, members of the Consular Body and members of the foreign communities in Hong Kong, who may care to offer congratulations at the Hong Kong Hotel on that day, from 10 to 10.40 in the forenoon.

The fixtures and furniture of the Colonial Secretariat are now being moved to offices in the Banque de l'Indo Chine Building, where members of the staff will be accommodated whilst the additional storey to the Secretariat is being constructed. Until the building operations are completed the meetings of the Legislative Council will be held in the Sanitary Board offices.

THE CHIEF SCOUT'S AWARD.

TO REV. G. T. WALDEGRAVE, PRESENTATION AND INSPECTION BY GOVERNOR.

The Chief Scout of the World, Sir Robert Baden-Powell, Bt., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.C.B., F.R.G.S., M.D., has awarded the "Silver Wolf" to the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, M.A., Commissioner of the Boy Scouts Association, Hong Kong Branch.

The award will be presented by His Excellency Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., the Chief Scout of Hong Kong, at Government House on Wednesday, May 2nd, 1928, at 4 p.m. (If fine on the lawn, if wet in the Ball Room).

His Excellency will also carry out an inspection of the Scouts.

ST. PETER'S CLUB.

CONCERT IN CATHEDRAL HALL.

\$235 RAISED FOR PIANO FUND.

An excellent entertainment was given last night in the Cathedral Hall in aid of the Piano Repair Fund of St. Peter's Young Men's Club.

The Hall was crowded and every one enjoyed a well arranged programme which included dancing, singing, piano and violin solos and a "funny man."

The Purpose Of The Concert.

The Rev. N. V. Halward speaking during the interval said that the repairs to their piano would not only be of benefit to St. Peter's Club but to the Church as it was used for choir practices. He wished to say how grateful the Club was for the generous support which they had always received from the public, and that the Club had tried to repay this generosity by holding whist drives, dances and concerts for the amusement of others. It was hoped to renew the Saturday picnics shortly and the Club had now a match at Repulse Bay which their friends might use. He wished to thank Miss Mow Fung for having arranged the concert.

\$235 By Sale Of Tickets.

Miss Mow Fung in reply, stated that \$235 had been raised by the sale of tickets for the concert. She wished to thank those who had undertaken the nono too pleasant task of selling them and also the audience and the artists who had so generously come forward to make the concert a success.

Small Dancers.

The Misses Betty Pestonji and D. Tolan opened the proceedings with a pretty and clever little dance in Jazz costumes which was very heartily applauded, and Miss B. Pestonji gave a charming pas seul in the second part. Mr. Glover's rousing song of the "Yeomen of England" followed and his entry later to sing "Ballad-monger" was the signal for a burst of clapping.

Brilliant Pianist.

Mrs. Cashman's items were the treat of the evening. Her playing was as brilliant as ever and such that audiences are seldom privileged to hear in distant outposts of Empire like Hong Kong. Whenever Mrs. Cashman is gracious enough to play for us, which happens so often, we are honoured and delighted.

"The Four B's."

Everyone enjoyed the two quartets given by the four B's, Messrs. J. and R. Baldwin, H. J. Best and C. W. E. Bishop. They sang delightfully together and have chosen songs which strike a happy medium between the sentimental and the bombastic. Mrs. Minney's two songs and Mrs. Aubrey's violin solo were all heartily applauded. Mr. L. Jeeves told some original stories and sang a song with an amusing moral. The instrumental trio by Mrs. Aubrey, Miss J. Bragg and Mr. J. Bragg was well rendered and very much appreciated.

The Programme.

- The programme was as follows:—
1.—Dance: "Jazz" (Misses B. Pestonji and D. Tolan).
2.—Song: "Yeomen of England," E. German (Mr. H. Glover).
3.—Piano Solo: "Variations in A Minor," Paganini-List (Mrs. Cashman).
4.—Attempted Humour (Mr. L. Jeeves).
5.—Song: "My Garden full of roses," Coningsby Clarke (Mrs. Minney).
6.—Violin Solo: (Selected) (Mrs. G. E. Aubrey).
7.—Quartet: Down in a Flowery Vale, Constantine Festa; The Goslings, J. F. Bridge (Messrs. J. and R. Baldwin, H. J. Best and C. W. E. Bishop).

Interval.

- 1.—Dance: "Pas de Valse" (Miss B. Pestonji).
2.—Song: "Ballad-monger," Easthope Martin (Mr. H. Glover).
3.—Piano Solo: (a) "Liebestraum," Liszt; (b) "March-wind," Macdowell (Mrs. Cashman).
4.—Attempted Humour (Mr. L. Jeeves).
5.—Song: "Be Still, Blackbird," W. Sanderson (Mrs. Minney).
6.—Instrumental Trio: "Sarabande," Leclair (Mrs. Aubrey, Miss J. Bragg and Mr. J. Bragg).
7.—Quartet: O Peaceful night, Edward German; Simple Simon, J. C. Mace (Messrs. J. and R. Baldwin, H. J. Best and C. W. E. Bishop).
ACCOMPANISTS:—Mrs. Griggs, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. B. Pestonji and Miss C. Bragg.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.36 p.m., stated:—

The central depression now covers the Eastern Sea. The Korean depression has moved eastward. The position of the Tongking depression is doubtful. An anti-cyclone is forming over N. China.
Local Forecast:—East or variable winds, moderate to light, fine to cloudy, fog.

CLUB LUSITANO CONCERT.

A SOPRANO AND A PIANIST.

ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCE.

The concert given yesterday in the Club Lusitano was a great success. Many members of the Portuguese community were present with their friends and other music lovers of the Colony. The whole programme was sustained by two artists, Professor Guglielmo Cattaneo at the piano and Signora Giannina Carvico, soprano. Professor Cattaneo played the accompaniments for the singer.

The concert room of the Club Lusitano is large, and the seating accommodation, was comfortably spaced; that the acoustic properties of the room are exceptionally good, contributed very considerably to the success of the concert.

Sympathetic Interpretation.

Professor Guglielmo Cattaneo is a pianist of note. His technique is sympathetic rather than temperamental and his interpretation generally pleasing. Perhaps the work of Chopin and Liszt is better suited to his particular style than that of Beethoven whom one is accustomed to hear played with more vigour, but the Beethoven Sonata op. 57 (Appassionata) gained much applause.

The Songs.

The singing of Signora Giannina Carvico, who has a clear soprano voice with a somewhat plaintive tone, was evidently well liked by her audience, the Aria from "La Wally" and the Valse song from "La Boheme" both being enthusiastically received.

The programme which we give below was well chosen and representative including a number of lesser known compositions among old favourites such as the Hungarian Rhapsody of Liszt and the Puccini song:

The Programme.

1. (a) Sonata in A Major, Schumann (1835-1935).
- (b) Etude in E Major... Chopin.
- Piano—Prof. GUGLIELMO CATTANEO.
- (c) Caro mio ben, Giordani (1747-98).
- (d) Aria from the Opera "La Wally".... Catalani.
- Song—SIGNORA GIANNINA CARVICO.
- Sonata op. 57 (Appassionata).
- Piano—Prof. GUGLIELMO CATTANEO.
- (a) Songs my mother taught me..... Dvorak.
- (b) Valse from the Opera "La Boheme".... Puccini.
- Song—SIGNORA GIANNINA CARVICO.
- (a) Cuba (Capriccio).... Albent.
- (b) Nocturne..... Frugatta.
- Piano—Prof. GUGLIELMO CATTANEO.
- (c) Minor and Major.... Spross.
- (d) Chacon de Florian.... Godard.
- Song—SIGNORA GIANNINA CARVICO.
- Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12.
- Piano—Prof. GUGLIELMO CATTANEO.

NAVAL FUNERAL.

A.B. OTHEN OF H.M.S. "TAMAR."

The funeral of Mr. G. Othen, Able Seaman of H.M.S. "Tamar," took place at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon, full Naval honours being accorded.

As stated yesterday, A. B. Othen, who was attached to the Kai Tak Aerodrome at Kowloon City, accidentally shot himself while examining an automatic pistol early on Wednesday morning at the Aerodrome. The bullet penetrated his chest and he died almost immediately. The deceased came from Dorsetshire and was only 22 years of age.

A party of bluejackets from H.M.S. "Durban," drew the gun-carriage carrying the coffin from the Royal Naval Hospital to the Cemetery, preceded by a firing party with reversed arms from H.M.S. "Berwick" and the Band of that ship.

Among those who followed the coffin were Squadron Leader C. E. H. C. Macpherson, R.A.F., C.E., Kai Tak Aerodrome; Flying Officer May, Surg.-Lieut. Bradfield, Lieut. Hilbeck, R.N., Flying Officer R. Vaughan Fowler, Flight Lieut. W. D. Gairdner, R.A.F. (O.C. No. 42 Flight); Lieut. Basset, R.N., Inspector Phillips of the Kowloon City Police Station, Naval ratings and personnel of the Royal Air Force.

At the close of the burial service conducted by the Rev. G. H. Hewitt, R.N., three volleys were fired over the grave and a bugle sounded the Last Post.

Wreaths placed on the grave were from Squadron Leader Macpherson, R.A.F., Flight Lieut. Gairdner, R.A.F.; Officers, R.A.F., Kai Tak Aerodrome, Officer, N.C.O.'s and other ranks of Fleet Air Arm Reserve Store, N.C.O.'s of No. 42 Flight, Kai Tak; Officers' Mess, Kai Tak Aerodrome; Sergeants' Mess, Kai Tak Aerodrome.

THE STRUGGLE FOR TSINAN.

CITY STILL IN THE HANDS OF SHANTUNG TROOPS.

FENGTIEN FORCES WITHDRAWN FROM SHANSI FRONT.

GENERAL SUN CHUAN FANG IN COMMAND IN SHANTUNG.

Latest reports prove conclusively that Southern claims to the capture of Tsinan were premature. It appears that even Tsinan, which was recently taken by the Christian General, was recaptured and is now in the hands of the Northerners, in consequence of which Marshal Chiang Kai Shek's advance is delayed. Nationalist forces, however, hold many points of vantage around the city and it would appear that their fall cannot be very long delayed, unless the Northern armies, with the help of the Manchurians who are reported to have gone to their aid, can rally and drive the enemy back.

There seems to be a strong movement on foot, emanating from the Northern headquarters, to get rid of General Chang Tsung Chang from Shantung, and substitute for him General Sun Chuan Fang. Mr. Pan Fu, the Prime Minister at Peking, made the journey from Peking to Tsinan, apparently almost entirely to put through this plan, in which he appears to have been successful. It is reported that General Chang Tsung Chang has left the province for Tientsin and that operations are now in the hands of General Sun Chuan Fang.

Reports from the vernacular Press state that Marshal Chang Tso Lin is very greatly alarmed at the rapid advance of the Nationalists. It is said that he has recalled both his son, General Chang Hsueh Liang, and General Yang Yu Ting from the operations against Shansi on the Tsingting-Taiyuen Railway. It would seem that this means the virtual abandonment of the attack upon the province. The two generals have been ordered to withdraw immediately, and give their help to strengthening the Northern defence line at Paoing and Tientsin.

CONFLICTING REPORTS OF TSINAN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, April 26th. Northern and Southern reports of the position of Tsinan are utterly conflicting. The Nationalist news agency at Nanking states that Feng Yu Hsiang's and Chiang Kai Shek's armies arrived at Tsinan on Wednesday evening and are now rounding up the remnants of the Chihli and Shantung forces. A portion of the Nationalist vanguards have crossed the Yellow River from Tsinan to Tehchow.

On the other hand, Reuter's correspondents at Chefoo, Tientsin and Tsingtao state that foreign advisers from Tsinan show that the city was still in the hands of the Northerners on Wednesday.

TAIAN CHANGES HANDS.

(Wah Ts Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, April 26th. According to a Japanese report from Tsinan, Feng Yu Hsiang's troops were at one time in possession of Taian, but were driven out by repeated attacks from Northern armoured cars.

CONVERGING ATTACKS.

(Wah Ts Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, April 26th. Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang has telegraphed to General Liu Chang Lun, his subordinate now operating in Northern Honan, to lead his forces to attack Tehchow from Southern Chihli.

THE POSITION OF TSINAN.

FENG'S MOHAMMEDAN CAVALRY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, April 26th. The position of Tsinan is vague. It is possible that bodies of Northerners hold portions of the city, but their powers of resistance are nullified owing to the ineptitude of their commanders.

Meanwhile 1,400 Japanese troops landed at Tsingtao from the coast defence ship *Kaiyo* yesterday morning and were rushed by train to Tsinan in the afternoon. They are under the command of Major-General Saito.

Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang's spectacular advance is largely due to the employment of Mohammedan cavalry from Kansu. A body of this is now reported to be on the north bank of the Yellow River, moving on Tehchow.

Chang Tso Lin is feverishly rushing to this point all the troops he can raise in Manchuria for the purpose of stemming the Northern advance.

TSINAN ON THE VERGE.

(Wah Ts Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, April 26th. The Nanking Military Council publishes a military report to the effect that the Revolutionary army is in command of most of the strategic points round Tsinan, although the city has not actually fallen. Firing is still going on in the suburbs of Tsinan according to latest advice.

POLITICAL SITUATION OF JAPAN.

VOTE OF NON-CONFIDENCE.

WILL IT BE PASSED?

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, April 26th. The Coronation estimates of 16,400,000 yen have passed both Houses. The Opposition's vote of non-confidence is expected to be presented at any time. At first it was believed that it was virtually certain to pass and would result in dissolution, but the passage is now regarded as more doubtful owing to the political manoeuvring of the past few days.

VICTIMS OF GREEK EARTHQUAKE.

TORRENTIAL RAIN AND HAIL.

BRITISH SHIP BRINGS SUCCOUR.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Further violent earthquake shocks, followed by rain and hail storms, occurred at Corinth early this morning.

Many tents which were being used to shelter refugees were blown down, and the earthquake sufferers were thus exposed for hours in torrential rain. Many gave the appearance of having lost their reason as they sought vainly for shelter.

The few buildings in Corinth and Isthmia which remained, after the previous shocks, collapsed. A woman said to be 120 years of age was killed by the collapse of a wall. The vineyards in ancient Corinth have been destroyed.

British warships are rendering every assistance. Five hundred tents and a large quantity of bread are coming aboard H.M.S. *Eagle*.

The Bulgarian Disaster.
Sofia, April 26th. Official statistics of the Bulgarian earthquakes show that 103 were killed and 700 injured. Over two hundred thousand persons are homeless. There was another shock felt in various places yesterday, but no casualties are reported.

British Assistance.
The violent earthquakes at Corinth to-day were felt at Patras and Athens.

H.M.'s aircraft-carrier *Eagle* has arrived, and hundreds of tents which she has brought are being pitched in the Central Square, accommodating all the distressed refugees. Soup kitchens are also being started.

The British assistance is much appreciated.

MISS CHENG IN PARIS.

SHANGHAI CHIEF JUSTICE.

HER MISSION IN EUROPE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, April 26th. Miss Sou Mei Cheng, the first Chinese woman to be admitted to the French Bar, and who is at present making a tour of the capitals of Europe, has arrived at Paris. She has declared that she was entrusted with the duty of tightening Franco-Chinese bonds of friendship. She denied that the tour was made for financial purposes.

JAPAN'S SILK CROP.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, April 26th. There has been a cold wave during the week-end throughout the country.

It is feared that the frost has damaged the mulberry leaves, which affect the silk crop.

AN UGLY RUMOUR.

AMERICAN DOCTOR'S MURDER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, April 26th. An ugly rumour is prevalent, emanating from Japanese sources, that Doctor Seymour, of the American Freebyerian Mission, Tsining, was arrested and executed by the Southerners for assisting a number of wounded Shantung troops.

JAPANESE TROOPS LAND.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TSINGTAO, April 26th. The coast-defence steamer, *Kasuga*, with a thousand Japanese troops on board arrived at Tsingtao, last night. The troops entrained for Tsinan immediately.

MALAYA'S FUTURE REVENUE.

DEPENDS ON MANY CONDITIONS.

RUBBER REPORT CONFIDENTIAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 25th.

Replying to Sir William Lane Mitchell in the House of Commons, Mr. Baldwin reiterated that the rubber report, made by the Committee of Civil Research, was private and would not be published. Evidence submitted to the Committee was given confidentially.

Sir William then asked how the revenues of the Malay Native States and also the Federated Malay States would be affected if the price of rubber remained in the neighbourhood of 8d. or less.

Mr. Amery replied that the answer depended upon a variety of conditions. These included an increase in the export of rubber, which might be anticipated. It was impossible to give a reply which was more than guessing.

Replying to a suggestion that the position after November would be the same as before the advent of restriction, Mr. Amery said he was not sure whether the position would necessarily be the same as before the restriction.

Major-General Sir Robert Hutchison asked whether the Malaya Government intended to carry on two sets of taxes on the export of rubber.

Mr. Amery replied that he had not been informed of any intention to abolish taxes.

NEW BRITISH AERO ENGINE.

ROLLS ROYCE ACHIEVEMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 25th.

The Air Ministry in 1923 purchased a number of American aeroplanes to drive fast bombers, on the ground that there was no British engine of the required power presenting such a small frontal area with consequent minimum wind resistance.

Now the Rolls-Royce F12, exhibited to experts, has a smaller frontal area than the American engine, and is also capable of developing 100 h.p. more.

It is rated at under 300 h.p. but it is capable of developing a 1,000 h.p. and it is calculated to drive an aeroplane at 300 miles an hour.

U.S. NAVAL ESTIMATES.

THE NICARAGUAN TROUBLE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, April 25th.

After rejecting an amendment requiring the withdrawal of American marines from Nicaragua by February 1st, 1929, the Senate adopted the Naval Appropriations Bill providing for the expenditure of \$300,000,000 on the Navy.

Success For Sandino.
New York, April 25th.

A military despatch from Blue Fields announces that United States Marines, chasing General Sandino after his daring raid on the Eliz gold mine, came into contact with him, but they were forced to retire owing to "the overwhelming superiority of the rebels."

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

ANOTHER RECORD.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, April 25th.

The five per cent. War Loan 1929/47 will be introduced on the New York Stock Exchange to-day. The capital is given in New York as over £2,000,000,000, the largest foreign issue ever listed.

DYE TRUST PROFITS.

INCREASED DIVIDEND PROPOSED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, April 25th.

The Directors of the German Dye Trust propose to the general meeting of shareholders, to be held on May 24th, a dividend of 12 per cent., compared with 10 per cent. last year.

The net profits total 100,812,000,000 marks, compared with 65,718,000,000 a year ago.

SOLOMON ISLAND MURDER.

FOUR DEATH SENTENCES.

CHIEF'S BROTHER IMPRISONED FOR LIFE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TULAGI, April 26th.

So far four natives have been sentenced to death. A sentence of imprisonment for life has been passed upon Tarifo, brother of Chief Basiana, for the attempted murder of a native clerk in connection with the massacre at Sinarango last year.

THE FRANCES CASE.

MR. O'MALLEY'S APPEAL.

RESIGNATION NOT ACCEPTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 25th.

It was disclosed in the House of Commons yesterday that further consideration has been given to the case of Mr. O. St. C. O'Malley, in connection with the Foreign Office Frances Scandal, and the Government has decided to mitigate the penalty.

The question was raised by Mr. Arthur Ponsonby (Lab.) and in reply, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that he received an appeal for consideration from Mr. O'Malley, who was given permission to resign from the Government Service.

After full consideration and necessary consultation, Sir Austen stated, he had decided, with the approval of the Prime Minister, to give effect to the appeal.

Mr. O'Malley's resignation will not be accepted, but he will be placed *en disponibilité* for a year and will lose five years' seniority.

PIRACY IN CHINESE WATERS.

PATROLS IN BIAS BAY.

MARSHAL LI'S INTENTION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 25th.

The problem of piracy suppression in China was again the subject of questions in the House of Commons to-day.

Information was sought by members regarding the continuance of piracy in Chinese waters and the measures taken to combat the gangs, and Sir Austen Chamberlain drew attention to the fact that the activities of the pirates had been much reduced in the last six months.

He mentioned that an attempt to secure concerted action by the Powers represented at Peking proved unsuccessful, the Japanese being the only people willing to co-operate with Britain.

Sir Austen pointed out that a British or Japanese warship was now regularly patrolling the Bias Bay area.

"During his recent visit to Canton, Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister to Peking, discussed the question of piracy suppression with Marshal Li Tsai Hsin.

The Canton administrator emphasised that he intended to eliminate piracy, and expressed the hope that he would be able to clear up the Bias Bay area within three months.

HEAVY TAX ON VEHICLES AND TYRES.

IRISH FREE STATE BUDGET.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 25th.

The Irish Free State Budget, introduced to-day, provides for a tax on sugar at the rate of a farthing per pound.

No tax has been imposed on petrol.

A feature of the Budget is a 31/3 per cent. import duty on all vehicles and tyres.

"BREMEN" AIRMEN'S PLANS.

RESCUER DIES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MURRAY HAY, April 25th.

The "Bremen" airmen have decided not to attempt to fly their plane here, on account of the bad conditions for taking off.

They will leave Greenly Island in the relief aeroplane which has arrived there.

WINDOW SMASHING IN HONG KONG.

QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

NO SERIOUS DISCONTENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 25th.

The series of window-smashing offences committed by soldiers of the Queen's Regiment and K.O.S.B. in Hong Kong formed the subject of questions in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. E. Thurtle (Lab.) asked if there were serious discontent in the battalions in Hong Kong.

Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, the War Secretary, said he had no information in regard to the report that British soldiers in Hong Kong had been smashing shop windows in the hope of getting imprisonment and ultimate release from the Service.

He said he would have heard if there was any serious discontent, but he would, of course, enquire. Capt. G. M. Garro-Jones (Lib.) suggested that steps should be taken to correct the discreditable reports of the conduct of British soldiers.

Sir Laming Worthington-Evans replied that it was impossible to correct every statement in the Press. It would be better perhaps if greater publicity were not given them by such questions, in the House.

Following this remark, Mr. Kirkwood protested against Sir Laming Worthington-Evans' "arrogant attitude."

STILL IN HOSPITAL.

WINDOW BREAKING K.O.S.B. PRIVATE.

Pte. C. Hood of the "B" Company King's Own Scottish Borderers, who is charged with willfully and maliciously breaking two plates of glass in the show window of Messrs. J. Ullman's, jewellery store in Chatter Road, is still in the Military Hospital.

When the case came before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning, a K.O.S.B. officer appeared in Court, and after a conversation with the Magistrate it was decided to adjourn the case until next Thursday morning.

The Magistrate was shown a certificate from the Hospital to the effect that Hood was not fit to attend the Court.

Bail in the sum of a personal bond of \$50 was granted.

BRITISH COMMISSIONER TO CANADA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 25th.

Sir William Henry Clark has been appointed High Commissioner in Canada for His Majesty's Government in Great Britain.

Sir William Clark has been Comptroller-General of the Department of Overseas Trade since 1917. He is succeeded by Sir Edward Crowe, who was Commercial Counsellor to the British Embassy at Tokyo.

RACING MOTORIST'S DEATH.

CAR STRIKES SOFT SAND.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

DAYTONA, April 25th.

Mr. Frank Lockhart had already made three fast trips in his Stutz "Black Hawk" Special and was approaching the grand stand on his fourth run when the car appeared to hit a patch of soft sand. It spun round several times, leapt high in the air and made several somersaults. Lockhart was thrown prone on the sand and killed instantly.

The car was travelling at over 200 m.p.h. at the time of the disaster.

HUGE RISE IN RAILROAD SHARES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, April 25th.

A feature of to-day's stock market was the further enormous advance scored by the New York Harlem Railroad shares, which touched \$480, compared with \$200 last week.

GENEVA OPIUM CONVENTION.

CENTRAL BOARD OF CONTROL.

MEMBERS' SCEPTICISM.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, April 25th.

Disagreement concerning the proposed Central Board of Control regarding the illicit drug traffic was expressed during to-day's sitting of the Opium Committee, though M. Bourgeois's resolution was adopted.

The resolution submitted incorporated the proposed Central Board of Control with the League of Nations and provided that the Secretary-General of the League should assure the working of the Board's administrative services.

Divided Opinions.

The German, Chinese, French, Italian, Portuguese and Jugoslavians delegates voted in favour of the resolution, while the British, Japanese, Dutch and Indian members voted against. Bolivia, Siam and Switzerland abstained.

The resolution provides that the Central Opium Board be so constituted as to ensure that full effect be given to the Convention with also regard to the impartial independent character of the Board.

Heavy Seizures.

It was stressed during subsequent discussion by Mr. Lyall, that in the course of less than eighteen months, no less than five tons of narcotics had been seized in different parts of the world. He was very sceptical about the value of the Convention.

Signor Cavazzoni (Italy) also expressed a considerable doubt as to the efficacy of the provisions of the Geneva Convention, and said he thought that a new Convention was necessary.

Limitation Of Manufacture.

Signor Cavazzoni suggested that a new Convention should be drawn up insisting upon rationing as the best method of control.

A resolution was laid on the table to be discussed on Friday urging the League Secretary to ask the Governments to say what measures they had adopted as regards the direct limitation of the manufacture of narcotics.

The next Session of the Opium Committee was fixed for the end of January 1929.

COCKTAILS MADE BY CHEMISTS.

SYNTHETIC FOODS IN THE FUTURE—PERHAPS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 25th.

Chemists will soon be making cocktails in their laboratories if the expectations of scientists come true.

Sir Alfred Mond, head of the great British chemical combine, conjured up a vision at the dinner of the Chemical Society of an age when synthetic food will be made in the factories and there will be no further need to till the soil.

"Chemists have succeeded in making alcohol synthetically," said the head of one of the chief firms engaged in the research work to a *Daily Express* representative.

"There is no reason why whisky and brandy and other intoxicants should not be made in the laboratory, and be just as stimulating and agreeable to the palate as our present-day drinks."

Vitamin D.

"We have succeeded by high-pressure work in combining hydrogen and carbon monoxide to form a great variety of substances, and we have also succeeded in producing vitamin D synthetically."

It is believed that by combining the two processes we may be able in time to make synthetic food.

Medical opinion is far from enthusiastic on the subject of synthetic food.

"I do not believe that the public would ever take to laboratory substitutes for the staple articles of diet," said a doctor.

"It is no good trying to improve on nature, which provides an abundance of food which has a special appeal to the eye and the palate. I do not think that the good roast beef of old England will ever be in danger of being superseded by laboratory substitutes."

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING.

(Continued from Page 4.)

Children's Playground.

My question No. 7 was: "Will the Government utilize one of the strips of Government land abutting on Salisbury Road as a playground for Kowloon children? Will the Government also enquire into the possibility of various unbuilt on pieces of land abutting on Nathan Road being temporarily used for the purposes of children's playgrounds?"

The Colonial Secretary replied: Pending its use by the Government for other purposes, a small area can be reserved as a children's playground at junction of Salisbury and Middle Roads. There is, however, in the opinion of the Government, no area at Tsimshatsui which is really suitable for permanent reservation as a children's playground; and none of the undeveloped area adjoining Nathan Road appears to be suitable for conversion to children's playgrounds.

Well, Sir, with regard to that point there is a very ugly strip of land almost opposite—I think quite opposite—the piece of ground which the Government is apparently prepared to allow as a site for a children's playground for the time being. It is a piece of ground on the South side of Salisbury Road. There is a long and very ugly strip of ground which looks very much as though it ought to be laid out as a park or a children's playground or something. It is near the railway fence and I should think that that piece of ground is not in the least likely to be used for a considerable number of years. It is long and narrow.

There is another site which I think should also be taken into account and that is a space on Nathan Road where the mules are. That is part of the military cantonment. It is a very big piece of land and I should have thought it would be possible to come to some arrangement with the military authorities whereby that piece of ground should be permanently reserved as a playground for children. I may also mention that when I was driving along there I noticed various pieces of ground off the roadway which were, as a matter of fact, being used by children for playing. I do not pretend to be able to say in whose ownership those various pieces of ground abutting on Nathan Road are. Perhaps some of them may belong to the Crown, or most of them may be in private ownership. In all events I submit it is advisable that this question should be gone into, and in order to arrive at some concrete proposal I would venture to suggest to Your Excellency that it might be a good thing to appoint a small committee of members of this Council for the purpose of enquiring into the possibilities of a playground at Kowloon. There is no doubt that in that way the public mind would be relieved. People generally would be satisfied that the various avenues had been fully explored and that the whole matter of the possibility of reserving certain public playgrounds for children at Kowloon had been gone into.

Summing-up.

I hope in all these matters I shall receive—in fact I am sure I shall receive—the sympathetic consideration of Your Excellency and the Government. I had to bring this matter up as a motion because if I had asked questions I should have received answers and that would have been an end of the matter. I do hope as a result of this debate the Government will give us more public bathing accommodation at Repulse Bay, that they will give us public bathing accommodation at Stanley Bay and that the Government will appoint a small committee of this Council to go into, and fully explore the arrangements for a permanent children's playground at Kowloon. Possibly it may be thought advisable to have more than one playground in addition to the present one at Chatham Road. I have in my mind that it may be thought advisable that the children of the poorer classes of Chinese should have some playground at the back of Yau-mai and Sham-shui-pu, but that is a question which I cannot be settled now but I hope the Government will take it up.

Hon. Mr. J. Owen-Hughes: I beg to second the motion.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

The Director of Public Works: Sir, I should like to make a few remarks with regard to question 4. In the previous reply to the first part of the hon. member's question a résumé of the present public facilities at Repulse Bay was given. It will be seen that these cover, as far as possible, the recommendations set out by the Committee appointed to consider the whole question of bathing beaches. It is not at present possible to carry out the Committee's full programme in respect of the number of public cubicles, but this is being borne in

mind and upon surrender of sufficient permits granted for the erection of private bathing sheds, it would be possible, if Government approve, to provide suitable sites for accommodation of additional cubicles. At present the number of permits issued for matsheds is at the limit recommended by the Committee, namely, 120.

The second part of the question dealt with Stanley beach. For this beach the Committee recommended permits up to 22 in number. At present 21 have been issued and a further one has been approved, whilst two additional applications are under consideration. Of the general improvements recommended by the Committee all items except that dealing with the erection of cubicles and pavilions have been carried out.

Owing to the necessity for strict economy at the present time I understand, in the opinion of the Government, it is not considered essential to provide pavilions on the bathing beaches, these being regarded more in the nature of luxuries.

At Repulse Bay, in addition to maintenance and supervision charges, a sum of \$4,500 was spent on lavatory accommodation and \$800 for public cubicles. A total expenditure of \$5,300 was incurred in 1927 in providing bathing facilities at North Point, Kennedy Town, Tai Wan and Repulse Bay and nearly 70,000 persons availed themselves of the accommodation provided, of whom 2,000 used the cubicles at Repulse Bay. This is quite apart from the large number of bathers occupying matsheds.

Kowloon.

With regard to the children's playground in Chatham Road, I am well situated to serve a large residential district. Practically all the unbuilt on areas of Crown land abutting upon Nathan Road, south of Mongkok, have undesirable surroundings. This, I think, applies also to the two pieces of ground mentioned by the hon. member—the railway land and the military land. The original question did not make it clear that other than Government Crown land was referred to by the hon. member, but I now understand that private land was referred to in the latter portion of his question.

There is some privately owned vacant land, well situated, which would be suitable, but this would have to be acquired by Government, by resumption or exchange before any part of it could be allocated for the purpose of a playground. Representations have been made to Government by members of the Kowloon Residents' Association in regard to the selection of privately owned land for children's playgrounds in localities where playgrounds are most needed, and these suggestions are receiving the sympathetic consideration of Government.

SIR HENRY POLLOCK'S REPLY.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: Sir, I should like to say by way of reply that I am surprised to hear that there are insufficient sites for putting up these public bathing cubicles at Repulse Bay for as my honourable Chinese colleague will remember the committee went into that point of where to put the cubicles—one for women and children here and one for men there. From our observation of the ground there was plenty of room for the cubicles, and in our report we did not content ourselves with stating that 23 cubicles should be put up behind the private matsheds. We went to the trouble to point out where they could go. We absolutely mapped out the whole thing on the spot. I do not think it can be because there is insufficient actual land available at Repulse Bay that the public cubicles are not put up. Bearing in mind the recommendations of the Bathing Beaches Committee I will go as far as to say that I am absolutely certain such is not the case. It cannot be so because the Committee took all the trouble of allocating the sites for the various cubicles.

It is quite clear the public have made use of the cubicles at Repulse Bay and, therefore, Sir, I submit absolutely insufficient reason has been given why the recommendations of the Bathing Beaches Committee should not be carried out to the full. I hope the Government will fully carry out the recommendations of their committee and also, for the reasons I have given, allow a matsched covering or pavilion, whatever you choose to call it, to be put up for the use of the public at Repulse Bay. I also hope that accommodation in the shape of both cubicles and matsched shelter will also be erected at Stanley Bay. I think we must all feel that bathing is a very healthy giving recreation and that the public should be given every reasonable facility for bathing from the beaches.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

H.E. The Governor: Gentlemen, from what we have just heard there appears to be a direct conflict of opinion between the hon. member representing the Justices of the Peace and the Director of Public Works. The report made to me is that at Repulse Bay there is no room for any further public bathing facilities, that the whole of that forebore has been allotted for private matsheds and if more than the existing number of fifteen cubicles are required they cannot be put up until some of the private owners give up their permits. However, we heard from Sir Henry Pollock that these statements made by the Director of Public Works are, in his opinion, perhaps inaccurate. I shall therefore obtain from the Director of Public Works a plan of the present allocation on that shore and satisfy myself personally whether there is room for more public cubicles. If there is room for more public cubicles I shall be quite willing to carry out the recommendations of the Bathing Beaches Committee in that respect.

With regard to pavilions, whether at Repulse Bay or at Stanley, I am not willing to incur public expenditure at present for that purpose. Sir Henry is shortly joining the Government. If he had joined the Government last year and sat with me to consider the estimates for public works, it would have gone to his heart, as it did to mine, to notice the number of works of an essential nature which we had to postpone. Desirable public works did not get a chance, and as for luxuries we did not look at them. I consider that the erection of pavilions can well stand over until some of the public works which have been on the waiting list for some years have been completed.

Playgrounds.

The question of reserving playgrounds in Tsimshatsui is in an altogether different category. I fully admit that it is an obligation of the Government to provide open spaces in which children may play. The question, however, is a difficult one because the whole of the sea coast East, South and West is required for commercial and railway purposes. Wharves are going to be built at Hungnam Bay and before very long even the existing children's playground will not be available for that purpose. I do not think that the area at Salisbury Road is suitable except temporarily. It is a very valuable piece of land and will have to be used commercially before long. But there are other areas along Nathan Road, privately owned, which it may be possible to acquire either by purchase or exchange. I hardly think the time has come to appoint a Committee to go into that matter, but I will obtain from the Director of Public Works a report concerning these areas and this can be put before the Finance Committee to consider whether they are prepared to incur the necessary expenditure, always assuming that an exchange is not possible.

Sir Henry Pollock: As the matter has received the very serious consideration of the Government I do not propose to press my motion further at this meeting.

H.E. The Governor: The motion has now been withdrawn.

DOCTOR'S TWO KINDS OF SOBRIETY.

TESTS FOR MOTORISTS AND PEDESTRIANS.

At the Marylebone Police Court Lawrence Telford Calderwood, aged 32, private secretary, of Queen's Road, Bayswater, W., was charged with being drunk in charge of a motor-car in Bayswater Road, driving it in a dangerous manner, and with not having a driving licence.

It was alleged that Calderwood zigzagged from side to side of the road when travelling at a speed of about 35 miles an hour.

Dr. Alexander Baidie, divisional surgeon, who examined Calderwood, said he came to the conclusion that he was drunk, in view of his symptoms and the history of the case.

Mr. Hay Halkett (the magistrate): I want to keep you away from that. You have nothing to do with motor-cars or anything like that. Was Calderwood in such a condition that you would have certified him drunk if he had been walking in the street?

Dr. Baidie replied that in that case he would have formed the opinion that the man was not drunk.

Mr. Hay Halkett said that the law did not require a higher degree of sobriety in persons in charge of motor-cars than in persons walking the street, as the doctor apparently did.

Dr. Baidie said his position was that a man in the street might be sober, and in the same condition be certified drunk if he was in a car. It depended on the job the man was doing.

Calderwood was fined a total of £14 on the three charges, and was disqualified from holding a licence for 12 months.

LAWN TENNIS.

CAPITAL MIXED DOUBLES MATCH. COL. AND MRS. WYATT ENTER FINAL.

In the only match played yesterday in the Hong Kong Cricket Club Tournament, Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. F. J. Wyatt (res. 5/8) defeated Miss Heard and S. E. Green (scr.) by two sets to love in the semi-final. The winners thus qualify to meet Mrs. Remington and H. Owen Hughes (owe 3/8) in the final. The winning pair showed better combination and put up a strong defence against Green's fast drives. Mrs. Wyatt was herself driving well, while Lieut.-Col. Wyatt did useful work at the net. They took the first set comfortably at 6-2, but after leading all the way in the second set, their opponents pulled up from 5-3 to 5 all. Green was responsible for smart work and covered his partner's court well. Even play followed and games were exchanged. Miss Heard and Green secured the lead at 7-6, but failed to win the next. Eventually 9 all was called at stage the Wyatts snatched the next two games for set. The final scores were 6-2, 11-9 in favour of Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. F. J. Wyatt.

Today's Match.

The first of the two semi-finals for the Open Doubles Championship of the Colony between R. Hancock and Dr. R. E. Tottenham and Ng Sze Kwong and Ng Sze Cheung has been fixed for to-day. The semi-finalists are old hands at the game and some stylish play is expected. The result is extremely difficult to forecast.

In reaching the semi-final, Ng Sze Kwong and Ng Sze Cheung defeated the following:—

Ho Ka Lau and Yew Mat Kit, 4-6, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2, 8-3.
Lee Wei Tsoi and Lee Woon Tsoi: 6-1, 6-2, 6-4.
E. da Sousa and A. V. Remedios: 6-0, 6-3, 6-3.
While R. Hancock and Dr. R. E. Tottenham defeated the following: Major C. Willson and C. H. Bradley: 6-1, 6-0, 6-2.
S. A. Hussain and S. S. Hussain: 6-1, 6-2, 6-1.
E. C. Fincher and E. F. Fincher: 6-3, 6-4, 1-6, 11-9.

The other semi-final between Major R. H. Lucas and Major W. B. Stevenson and E. D. and S. A. Rummah has been arranged for Wednesday next.

The final of the Open Singles will be decided on Monday and the final of the Open Doubles on Friday.

HOME FOOTBALL.

TO-MORROW'S LEAGUE PROGRAMME.

The English League has a full programme of matches for to-morrow as given below. The Rangers have already won the Scottish League (Division I) championship, and the remaining matches are Celtic v. Kilmarnock and Bo'ness v. Rangers, also a few postponed matches, some of which may probably be played to-morrow.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Arsenal v. Manchester U.
Aston Villa v. Bolton.
Burnley v. Everton.
Bury v. Cardiff C.
Derby C. v. Middlesbrough.
Leicester v. Huddersfield.
Liverpool v. Tottenham.
Preston v. Newcastle.
Sheffield U. v. Blackburn.
Sunderland v. Wednesday.
West Ham v. Birmingham.

Division II.

Barnsley v. Blackpool.
Fulham v. Reading.
Hull v. Notts.
Leeds U. v. Bristol C.
Manchester C. v. Southampton.
Notts Forest v. Stoke.
Port Vale v. Clapton O.
Preston N.E. v. Oldham.
South Shields v. West Brom.
Swansea v. Grimsby.
Wolves v. Chelsea.

Division III. (Southern).

Bristol R. v. Luton.
Charlton v. Brentford.
Coventry v. Norwich.
Gillingham v. Torquay.
Merthyr v. Crystal Pal.
Newport v. Northants.
Plymouth v. Millwall.
Queen's P.R. v. Brighton.
Swindon v. Southend.
Watford v. Exeter.
Watford v. Bournemouth.

Division III. (Northern).

Accrington v. Stockport.
Aldershot v. Rotherham.
Bradford C. v. Wrexham.
Crewe v. Southport.
Darlington v. Rotherdale.
Doncaster v. Nelson.
Halifax v. Durham.
Hartlepool v. Tranmere.
Lincoln v. Bradford.
New Brighton v. Chesterfield.
Wigan v. Barrow.

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ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE SPORTS.

SOME SATISFACTORY RESULTS.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT SOOKUNPOO.

St. Paul's College held their eighteenth annual sports yesterday on the Garrison ground, Sookun-poo, kindly lent by the military authorities. The weather was ideal and the track in very good condition, though slightly on the soft side. The best performance was in the Senior 120 yards hurdles, in which the winner equalled the school record time. The 100 yards was also done in good time.

In the invitation relay Wah Yan College won fairly easily from St. Stephen's with St. Joseph's third, other schools competing being Queen's, King's, Wanchai and Hon Chung. The Challenge Relay race was again won by the Old Boys, by inches.

The Senior championship was won by Chan King Chor, with four firsts and a third; the Junior was won by Chong Shu Lam, who secured three firsts and one third place. The inter-class shield was won fairly easily by Class 2.

At the conclusion of the sports, the prizes were presented by Mrs. Stewart. The acting headmaster, Mr. Stewart, expressed thanks to the military authorities for the use of the ground, and to those who had acted as officials.

The results were as follows:—

Senior Events.

100 Yards.—Chan King Chor, Chan Fook Chor, Cheung Koon Sang, 10.4-seconds.

220 Yards.—Chan King Chor, Chan Fook Chor, Kung Yau Mong, 25.1-seconds.

440 Yards.—Chan King Chor, Chan Fook Chor, Chau Kung Chiu, 57.3-seconds.

880 Yards.—Cheung Shu Kwai, Cheung U Tsoi, Lui Kwong Yuen, 2mins. 24secs.

High Jump.—Chan Fook Chor, Lee Pui Fong, Chan Woon Cheung, 5 feet 1 inch.

Broad Jump.—Chan King Chor, Chan Fook Chor, Cheung Koon Sang, 17 feet 1 inch.

Junior Events.

100 Yards.—Chong Shu Lam, Chiu Ping Hang, Leung Wei Chung, 11.2-seconds.

440 Yards.—Chong Shu Lam, Chiu Ping Hang, Leung Wei Chung, 58.2-seconds.

High Jump.—Leung Wei Chung, Chiu Ping Hang, Chong Shu Lam, 4 feet 0 inches.

120 Yards Hurdles.—Chong Shu Lam, Leung Wei Chung, Ko Ping Tsoi, 18secs.

Small Boys.

100 Yards.—Wong Chuen Suen, Young Ki Fong, Lee Wei Chee, 12.4-seconds.

440 Yards.—Wong Chuen Suen, Lam Chi Kan, Leung Fung Sang, 60.2-seconds.

High Jump.—Yung Ki Fong, Cheung Wing Kwong, Lam Chi Kan, 4 feet 2 inches.

Miscellaneous.

One Mile Handicap.—Cheung Pui Ling, Lo Chi Hing, Chan Ki Sum, 2mins. 39secs.

220 Yards Old Boys.—Wong Tape, Tang Yan Shueung, Fung Kwok Wa, 24.1-seconds.

440 Yards Relay.—Won by the Old Boys, 48secs.

Invitation Relay Race (380 Yards).—Wah Yan, St. Stephen's, St. Joseph's, 1min. 42secs.

220 Yards Staff Race. Chan Tak Kwong, Chiu Hau Chuen, Loh Hin Loi.

LITIGANTS' HEALTH.

ASSIZE TOWN'S EXAMPLE TO LONDON.

Mr. Justice Rowlatt, in the King's Bench Division, commented on the frequency with which actions in the High Court were postponed because of the illness of one of the parties or of an essential witness. "In an assize town," he added, "there will, perhaps, be 40 criminal cases and an enormous number of witnesses. It is only once in a blue moon that anybody is ill. But every other case in these courts causes people to fall ill."

Mr. Cartwright Sharp, who applied for an action to be postponed because of the illness of a witness, said his client (the plaintiff) was anxious to get his money.

Mr. Justice Rowlatt: Well, perhaps he has got a rotten case. (Laughter.)

MID-WEEK RESULTS.

(THROUGH SEUTER'S AGENTS.)

LONDON, April 26th.
The following were the results of English League matches played to-day (Wednesday):

Division I.

Liverpool 1, Leicester 2.
Huddersfield 1, Burnley 2.
Manchester U. 2, Sunderland 1.

Division II.

Leeds 0, Manchester City 1.
Gillingham 0, Millwall 1.
Plymouth 3, Bournemouth 1.
Swindon 4, Northants 0.

THE COHENS AND THE KELLYS IN PARIS.

IRISHMAN AND JEW IN HOLLYWOOD'S MONTMARTRE.

AN AMUSING PICTURE.

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

The Cohens and the Kellys bid fair to become traditional features of the American stage, like the bottle nosed man in check pants of the music hall. Nathan Cohen and Patrick Kelly are just Potash and Perlmutter, or the two fathers of Abie's Irish Rose with different names and a very slightly different setting.

That does not prevent them from being very amusing; quite the reverse in fact, for the public like the joke they understand and they have by no means tired as yet of quarrelling some partners, one of whom should be a Jew, Cohen and Kelly have one of those super luxurious offices with which all film fans are familiar, but they have a delightful new feature in their two secretaries, a Jewess and an Irish girl, to whom the partners dictate letters to each other, and communicate generally during office hours.

You have probably seen George Sydney as Cohen and Farrel MacDonald as Kelly before and will know how well they look and play their parts. The securing of Vera Gordon as Mrs. Cohen and Kate Price as Mrs. Kelly was a stroke of genius however, such nice old women they are, and so fat.

Women are wiser than men, or they were in this case, so the two wives are good friends and profit by their husband's quarrels by egging these gentlemen on to vie with each other in generosity to their respective partners. In a profession where most women are made to appear vamps or sentimental misses these two jolly old ladies are most refreshing, and provide many laughs.

There is a love story, no film would be complete without one, and appropriately the course of true love runs between Pat Kelly, Jr., and Sayde Cohen, but anything but smooth. They are married while studying art in "Paris attie Bowe," and when the story opens are on the verge of a divorce on account of a study of the nude on which young Kelly has been at work during the whole of their married life. He does not seem to have got very far in three months, and not unnaturally his wife has grown tired of the constant presence of Paulette the model.

How the parents arrive; their adventures in the gay city and with Paulette; an absurd duel, which has come right off the music hall stage; and a clever piece of aeroplane work, bring us to a climax after a very pleasant and amusing entertainment.

THIS AND OTHER WORLDS.

THEOSOPHICAL VIEWS OF LIFE AND DEATH.

Mr. H. E. Laneport in an address to the Theosophical Society on Thursday on "Man's Life in this and other Worlds," said in brief. There are many signs seen everywhere to-day of man's larger consciousness, that he is related to more worlds than one. The essential man uses the body as an instrument to come in touch with the bodily world. Theosophists say that man has two more senses beyond the known five, which body and will work through two little organs in the brain—the pituitary body and the pineal gland. The pineal gland will bring human beings in touch with the currents of thought in the world around us. The development of the pituitary body will open man's astral sight. Man lives simultaneously in three worlds, the physical, the astral and the mental, but is normally conscious only of the physical. Every night during sleep man, clad in his invisible astral and mental bodies, slips out of the physical body, and freely moves about in the astral world. At death man slips out of the physical body, but is more alive than ever. It is possible to leave the body and to return to it. There is really no death, nothing that is a ceasing of conscious life is possible. For the lowest human type, the experiences in the astral world after death will be of a painful and distressing kind. The more we have during earthly life paid attention to and developed our higher nature the richer will be our life there.

RIDDLE OF FARMER'S DEATH.

MOTHER'S PLEA NOT TO BE QUESTIONED.

"NOT BEING PROPERLY DONE BY."

COLSFORD, Gloucestershire. In an atmosphere tense with emotion, and in front of him a number of sobbing women in deep mourning, Mr. M. F. Carter, the coroner for the Forest of Dean, brought to a close the first stage of his inquiry into the strange circumstances of the death of Mr. Harry Pace, a 33-years-old quarryman and sheep farmer, of Fetter Hill.

The weeping women were the relatives of the dead man, and they and their menfolk became involved in a remarkable scene just before the coroner adjourned the inquest for a fortnight—the fourth adjournment in two weeks, during which period Scotland Yard has been investigating the mystery.

Mr. Pace's mother, now Mrs. Porter, was in the witness-box. To many questions put by Mr. Trevor Wellington, a Gloucester solicitor and coroner for that city, who represented the widow, she made only one reply: "I cannot remember."

"Afraid To Say!"

Mrs. Porter frequently used the phrase, "I did not think that he was being properly done by," when she was alluding to the illness of her son, which began last July.

"What do you mean by those words?" Mr. Wellington asked. "Do you infer that he was being neglected by his wife?"

Mrs. Porter replied: "I think he was afraid to say."

From the back of the court a woman's voice was heard: "I would say that he had something which he should not have had."

Mr. Wellington swung round, and as he did to another woman, dressed in black, whispered audibly towards the witness-box: "I should not say anything."

A reproval from the coroner followed, and three women, all crying, bent forward with their hands clasped over their faces.

Mr. Wellington next asked Mrs. Porter: "Did you suspect that anything was being done to your son which would cause or hasten his death?"

In a broken voice the mother replied: "Please, I would rather not answer."

Man Ordered Out.

Mrs. Porter was pressed to "declare whether she was one of the dead man's relatives who had given certain information to the police after his death and thus caused the funeral to be stopped—an action which resulted in his organs being sent for analysis and pathological examination."

She remained mute, but a man alongside the women in mourning jumped up and exclaimed shrilly, "I am the one."

"Who are you?" said the coroner sharply.

"I am Elton Pace" (a brother of the dead man), was shouted back.

"Then," ordered the coroner, "you go outside and stay there until you are asked to come in."

The man, with two constables in attendance, withdrew.

Mrs. Porter, describing visits she paid to her son's cottage last July, said he was very sick, writhing with severe pain in the stomach, and continually asking for water. Once she took some water from his bedside to give to him, but he refused it.

"Then," Mrs. Porter added, "I tasted it myself and found it had a very peculiar taste. I spat out the water in my mouth and threw the rest away."

Mrs. Pace (Mrs. Pace's wife) then sent for more water, and when her husband tasted it he said, "It is lovely. I can drink that."

Mrs. Porter described a visit she paid to her son the night before he died. Mrs. Pace had gone downstairs, and she asked him if he "was being done anything wrong by?" He replied: "There are two packets of sheep dip here."

Mrs. Porter asked him if she should tell the doctor, but he raised a finger and said, "No."

Brothers Story Of Money.

"His eyes nearly came out of his head," Mrs. Porter continued. "He would not say any more. Then his little boy came upstairs and nothing more was said."

Mrs. Porter denied that her son had ever threatened to commit suicide.

Leonard Pace, a collier, a brother of the dead man, said that once when he visited his brother in hospital he asked him if he was worried about money. "I said that he had been done down before by his wife and she would do it again."

His brother asked, "How do you know I was done down?" and he (the witness) said: "Because she (Mrs. Pace) asked me to lend her money to put back in a box from which she had taken some out."

Mr. Wellington: Did you suspect that there was a secret hoard in the house? He told me there was money there.

The inquest was again adjourned.

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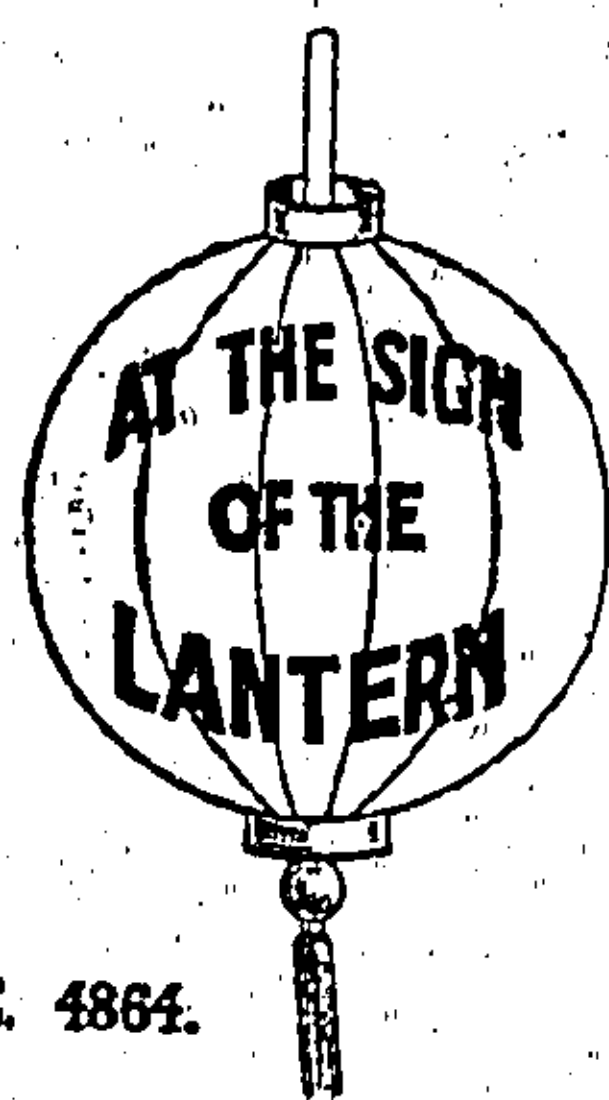
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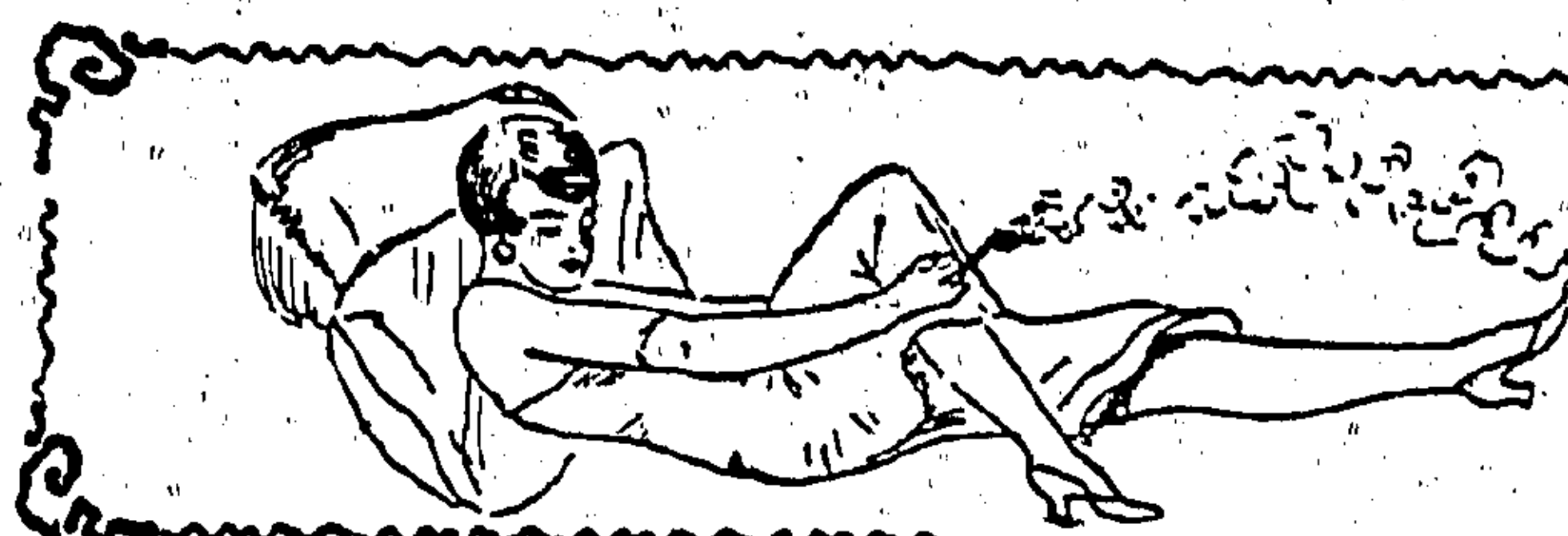
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WOMAN'S PAGE**A PRESENT FOR
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COLOUR AS A TONIC.

These spring days are depressing and the weather seems as uncertain as our tempers. The chemists, I believe, are doing a good trade in tonics! But there is no tonic which acts so rapidly on the daughters of Eve as new clothes for themselves or their houses, and colour is one of the best tonics for everyone.

Nasty sky and not so pretty tempers seem to cast an air of gloom and shabbiness over the home. Those curtains and chair covers which seemed so delightful when you bought them and were "quite good" a month and "still quite good" a month or so ago, really are shabby now, tired and colourless. Give yourself a present and your husband too by choosing some new cretonnes for your home, you will be amazed at

YOUR BUYER.SOME PRETTY SUMMER
FROCKS.

Madame Sarrault has some very pretty summer frocks for morning and afternoon wear, some of which are her own creation and others from Paris, both at very reasonable prices. A box of flowers was also expected this week.

Madame herself left for Paris early during the week, and she will be sending immediately she arrives a number of hats and smart sports things, and will continue to send something by every mail.

She has with her the measurements of several of her clients and will be getting things specially for them. If you would like her to do

ROUND THE TOWN.

SEEN IN LOCAL SHOPS.

I always pay a visit when I am in LANE, CRAWFORD's, to the Perfumery Department and generally find there something new and intriguing. This week it was fancy combs for the *à la main*. They are in the most ingenious cases some like a butterfly, others coloured and set with tiny synthetic jewels. The variety is bewildering and they make a most tempting array.

To-day is almost the last opportunity to take advantage of POHOOMULL's SALE, the bargains to be had in kimono, shawls and mori coats should not be missed and all the stock of silk is offered at reduced prices.

There can hardly be any home in which an extra bed that can be put up when required is not useful, and more particularly so in the hot weather. I saw in WHITEAWAY, LAIDLAW's an excellent folding iron bedstead on castors with a wire spring mattress for only \$17.50.

Downstairs in the same shop I saw they had a lot of children's hats—topes underlined with red or green and sailors. Both can be got for under \$3 which seems very reasonable.

I was told the other day in POWELL's that a shipment of hats was due to arrive yesterday among them some delightful rush hats which are useful for beach or picnic wear and are very inexpensive.

In the same shop I saw some new shoes which I liked very much particularly a pair made of real crocodile cut to a simple and yet chic last and as supple as a glove. It has a slightly welted sole and a low Louis heel with a single strap and is in every way very desirable. Other pairs I noticed were a black patent trimmed along the top with a fancy black and white leather, and a pearl coloured glacé kid.

Some nice little linen frocks are on view in WHITEAWAY, LAIDLAW's. They are in pastel shades and are trimmed with a little embroidery or drawn thread work. For mornings in the house or garden they would be exactly right being simply cut and extremely reasonable at prices from \$7.50. Simple little frocks like this solve a good many problems in the hot weather, and are certainly as cool and considerably more comfortable than a morning wrapper, and they can be washed like a handkerchief.

I saw in the same shop some new floral voiles with a deeper coloured hem which I thought original and pretty they cost \$2.75 a yard.

The consignment of dresses which THE SIGN OF THE LANTERN has been expecting came on Thursday but I did not have time to see them. There are, I understand, silk and cotton morning dresses and a few more elaborate ones for afternoon wear.

You will see that in another column I am recommending a present for the house as the best spring tonic. When you are considering new cretonnes don't forget to make yourself a gift of a new cushion or lampshade—or several of both—and don't forget the Miss Honess of THE SIGN OF THE LANTERN is a genius in this respect.

In THE PIONEER SILK STORE I saw this week some "different" embroidered kimono. They are worked in thick heavy silk in landscape designs over the back, and the method of embroidery and choice of colour is quite unusual and very pleasing.

A PERENNIAL GALLERY.PASTEL AND WATER COLOURS
AT KOMOR'S.

You will nearly always find a few charming Japanese water colours at Komor's and twice a year he holds a big exhibition of them which is always extremely popular.

One of these exhibitions will be opened next week, but I was privileged to see some of the pictures when I went in yesterday. They are as pleasing as ever and all the favourite artists have sent in work. The innovation is the inclusion of a large number of pastels, all well and appropriately framed, which are as delicate and charming as the water colours. I hope to see them all later and to write something about them for our Tuesday's issue.

MILLINERY CONTRASTS.

These two hats can be taken as examples of the diversity of styles that are engaging general interest in Paris just now.

At the top is the classic "pigeon"—always made in felt to match exactly the colour of the toilette.

Below is a dull black restaurant hat with brim cut into sharp points which are let into an added brim of silver lace.

the difference it will make to your outlook.

Of course, I have a little axe to grind, but in recommending you to go and look over Whiteaway, Laidlaw's new consignment of cretonnes I grind it with zest, as I have not yet got over the delight that the new curtains I had after the last consignment came in gave me, nor the pleasure I had in examining them all in order to describe some of them on this page.

There are over 500 different designs in cretonnes being unpacked there now, and they will be on view either to-morrow or Monday, and also figured silk fadeless fabrics, "neverfade" casement poplin in 20 shades, and a cheaper poplin in 10 shades. A new lot of "liberty" cushions is in the same consignment.

the same for you, all you have to do is to leave your measurements and a note of what you want at the shop and they will be wired to her.

Madame wished me to emphasise the fact that, though these goods will be selected with an eye to the particular needs of each customer, you are not under any obligation to purchase them if they do not please you, as they can be put into the stock. Such an excellent and convenient scheme is not often offered.

Before Madame returns which she hopes will be in September, she will arrange with some one at home to select and send every mail just the sort of things which we are needing here.

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PEKING RUGS.
FLOWERS IN RELIEF.

There can be no one here who does not know and like the delightful Peking rugs and carpets which are so cleverly woven that the pattern appears to be inlaid. But I saw in the Sign of the Lantern a new and even more attractive version, in which the pattern appears also in slight relief.

They are made in soft pastel shades, such as mole with pink and blue, or with pink and green, and those I saw were all variations of the lotus design. Knowing the hard wearing properties of these rugs, provided, of course, you get good ones, I feel sure that the pattern would not wear down except after very long service. As a practical example of the wearing properties of the rugs she stocks Miss Hennes drew my attention to a couple which were then in use in the shop. They had been there ever since the Sign of the Lantern was opened, and what is more had been under water and mud when the premises were flooded out some years ago. But the colours were as fresh and charming as ever, and the rugs themselves showed no signs of the many feet which must have passed over them daily.

A NEW MATERIAL.

GEORGETTE DAMASKED AND EMBROIDERED.

A very charming new material arrived this week at the Pioneer Silk Store. It is called embroidered georgette, but actually it is woven with a damask flower pattern, on which a silk warp has the effect of embroidery.

I saw this material in one or two different designs in green, mauve, champagne and pink. It is exceptionally dainty in effect and at the same time somewhat more formal (Continued on next column).

FROM JOSEPHINE.

EXQUISITE UNDIES AT LANE, CRAWFORD'S.

I saw this week in Lane, Crawford's most lovely and at the same time very practical undies. They come from a Shanghai firm, Josephine et Cie, and are made of crepe de chine, marble crepe or satin, lace trimmed and decorated with the finest embroidery.

Unlike most lingerie de luxe, these garments all seemed to me to be essentially practical; they are dainty without being fragile and the cut is as exquisite as the trimming. There is one pink crepe petticoat for example which has 12 rows of the finest possible hem stitching round the top as its only trimming, and like all the petties has a double panel back. Very lovely is another set which is trimmed with net applique and darned by hand in a beautiful lace pattern, the edge being all finely button-holed. The embroidery and drawn thread work which further trims it, is so fine that it seems almost incredible that it has been done by hand.

Lane, Crawford's can arrange for Josephine et Cie to make any garments ordered to a particular design of cut or embroidery but the examples now being shown should please the most fastidious. Not the least delightful thing about these undies is their price which is very much lower than anything else I have seen of the same order in Hong Kong.

and habillé than the former materials which had a diaper pattern flower either damasked or embroidered.

The pattern is a bold all over one which favours the cretonne motif so fashionable at the moment. A further advantage is that this material, fragile as it appears, is washable.

CRISP LINEN FROCKS FOR SPRING.

SOME DELIGHTFUL PAMELA CREATIONS.

Pamela is one of those energetic persons who are always finding something new to please us, and the latest is that she is making charming little frocks of coloured linen. They are mostly in two colour effects in pastel shades and express the very latest ideas in cut. It is always a treat to have a dress made to your own measurements by an experienced cutter and designer but those lucky people who are "stock size" will find something to please them among those already made for stock. One woman who is well known for her chic appearance is having four made.

Among those I saw the other day was a lemon yellow with a white vest, panel and wide belt; a blue which was edged at neck and hem with white scalloped strappings, and had the same trimming on the two patch pockets; and a pink a deeper tone of which had been utilised for the hem. This frock has the new one-sided effect and has a panel of pleating on one side of the skirt.

TENNIS FROCKS.



The sketch to the left of ivory-toned linen shows the simplicity and freedom which are the keynote of tennis frocks. The corsege has a deep inset front and collar with flat revers. The three deep box pleats on each side of the skirt have "spray" headings where they fall free. The self girdle ties in a bow.

Pale toned beige (or white) heavy "crepe de chine" is used for the other frock. The corsege is buttoned down one side, and a narrow self belt is tied towards the back. The skirt has a group of inverted pleats, and a monogram is embroidered in red on the inner vest front.

Both dresses are sleeveless, and the use of eye-shade or bandeau is left to individual choice.

NEW AIDS TO BEAUTY.

SHAMPOO AND SKIN-CREAM COMBINED.

"Women" now take so much more interest in beauty culture, that we endeavour to put on the market beauty aids which are as economical as possible," said a member of a firm of makers of beauty requisites.

"For instance, creams that are both vanishing, to act as a base for powder, and also skin foods are well known. New to the English market is a shampoo made up in cream form that can also be used to soften and whiten the hands. When used as a shampoo, the hair is first made wet, and then a little cream is squeezed on to it. This quickly forms a lather and the hair is then washed in the usual way. Each tube contains sufficient cream for about four shampoos.

To Check Unruly Waves. "Practical for travellers is a brilliant for making the hair glossy, and for keeping the wave in place that is also made up in cream form in a tube. A small quantity is squeezed out and rubbed on to the hand and applied to the brush.

Enhancing The Eyes. "So natural in appearance is modern eye make-up that the demand for it is increasing. We have a brown eye shadow for dark eyes, and a blue cream for grey or blue eyes. These are applied to the lid.

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YOUR GIRL'S CAREER.

A NEW PROBLEM FOR MANY PARENTS.

Lady Evans, M.A. (Oxon and Dublin), widow of Sir John Evans, F.R.S., the antiquarian, is a member of the governing body of St. Paul's Girls' School, and an ex-member of the Council of Somerville College, Oxford. In an article in the "Daily Mail" she says:—

Many modern parents are much exercised in mind about the choice of their daughters' careers.

This is quite a new kind of worry. The main concern of parents in the early days of the "higher education of women" was to prevent their girls from having any careers whatsoever, and many of my contemporaries at Somerville College had come up in defiance of family authority. They had usually, of course, a very clear idea of what profession they intended to follow.

Wide Culture The Best Grounding.

They and their modern successors, who know exactly what their bent is and follow it regardless of "guidance," present no problem at all. The girl whose genius for science, art, or the law is obvious while she is still at school is clearly marked out for a career in her own special line, and is only too anxious to forge her own way. Her parents need only see that her general education is not neglected. Too early specialisation is a mistake, and if a girl leaves school as early as 17 or 18, she should, to my mind, be taught a wide range of subjects up to the last. At schools, however, where the leaving age is 19, the range is rightly narrowed down in the final year. A wide culture is the best grounding for any career. The only parental suspicion a literary genius needs is to interest herself in mathematics and science.

When Heredity Is A Guide.

It is when she has no inclination towards any one line of work that a school-girl's future is definitely a problem to the parent.

Heredity should not be overlooked when seeking a solution. Just as professions go down from father to son, so the daughter of a legal or a medical man may (I do not say "must") have inherited that particular type of mind. If she shows any sign of it, it would be wise to plan her education so that she can assist her father in his practice. A woman's mind, with its meticulous regard for detail, is particularly well adapted to the legal profession. When a house is taken, it is usually the wife who sees flaws in the lease.

Why A Thorough Training Is Necessary.

Failing that, of course, parents and daughter should discuss some other line of specialisation. Definite training must in nearly every case follow school and even university education now-a-days. It is becoming less and less possible to drift casually into a business or profession; successful careers are for the highly trained and fully equipped results of far-sighted planning. The point is to think out the kind of work that will probably be required, and to train thoroughly for it.

Teaching is overcrowded with women who have drifted into it, though there is always room for the "born" teacher. The same applies to secretarial work, where the rewards worth having are few and the applicants many.

The Window In The Top Flat.

Architecture, on the other hand, is too highly specialised to be over-run with casual labour, and women, who have a sterner regard for practical utility than men, are valuable in a profession which today turns out top-floor flats with windows opening outwards, and therefore practically impossible to clean. A working man's wife was inspecting a new house, and the first thing she did was to sit down on a chair in the kitchen.

"H'm," she said disparagingly, "it's a pretty window, I'm sure—but I couldn't see out of it when I was doing my sewing."

Medical "Side-lines."

While success in the medical profession itself is only for the brilliant girl, there are several "side-lines" to be considered. After-care of orthopaedic children, for example, is work that is needed. One University woman, a specialist in physics, became an expert in the making of optical lenses.

For the scientifically inclined who cannot aspire to lecture, industrial chemistry or analytical work in some commercial concern is a possible outlet. One former pupil of St. Paul's School for Girls is now food analyst to a large London catering firm.

Even Laundry Workers With Degrees!

The possibilities are as varied as the individual girl. But I would urge all doubting parents to send their promising girls to University if that is possible. The less intelligent need the training even more. A degree, apart from its infinite cultural benefits, has a commercial value. Many a buyer of furs or silks owes her post to a "sense" for fur or silk—plus a University degree. And there is a legend—I cannot vouch for its truth—that a certain laundry wanted a University degree of its woman superintendent. There were so many applicants that "honours" were required. Even then the choice was difficult, and a First in Classics was the final selection!

REVOLVER IN COMMONS.

THE SPEAKER CAUGHT NAPPING.

WHEN A FIREARM IS NOT A FIREARM.

London, March 29th. The production of a toy revolver in the House of Commons yesterday led to an amusing scene.

In the course of a speech commending the first reading of his Bill to restrict the sale of toy pistols and revolvers, Mr. J. Hayes, Sec. Edw. Hill, said that certain undesirable members of the community had discovered that these toys were capable of supporting threats in an endeavour to commit a crime. Practical tests carried out by the police showed that they were capable of discharging bullets which would pass through a tin plank at a distance of 50ft. "I will show the House what this sort of weapon looks like," he said, and produced from a convenient hip-pocket a deadly-looking revolver.

The Speaker rose at once. "There is an ancient rule against the production of arms in this House," he said.

Natural Alarm.

Mr. Hayes was equal to the occasion. "I am aware of that, Mr. Speaker," he replied, "but according to the present law this is not a firearm within the meaning of the Act. It is a toy weapon, and I think that your very natural alarm at the sight of the weapon is sufficient justification for asking the House to pass this Bill."

The rule to which the Speaker referred, is one of the most ancient in existence in the House. No one may wear arms in the House of Commons except the Serjeant-at-Arms or his deputy, and the mover and seconder of the Address to the King in reply to the Royal Speech at the opening of Parliament when engaged on this duty.

The Thin Red Line.

Before the war even military uniforms were prohibited in the chamber.

A yard in front of the front benches on each side of the House runs a thin red line in the carpet, and visitors to the House are often astonished at the loud shouts of "Order, order," which assail any member who, when speaking, puts his feet across it.

This is a custom which goes back to very early days in Parliamentary history, when members did wear swords and tempers ran high. The opposing strips of red carpet are so placed that without crossing one a member could not reach another on the other side with his sword.

Mr. Hayes was generally cheered and obtained a formal first reading for his Bill without dissent. Sir William Joynson-Hicks, the Home Secretary, who heard Mr. Hayes, nodded appreciatively during his speech, and it is understood that the Government intend to give time for the passage of the Bill if the definitions in it are found satisfactory by the legal advisers.

WHEN SERVING TOMATOES.

HOW DO YOU DO THE SCALDING?

There are excellent ways of serving tomatoes which have never received the blessing of professional cooks. This, for instance: "Cut the tomatoes in thin slices and arrange in layers in a deep dish, sprinkling each layer with salt and pepper and a very little sugar. Put them in a cool place for two hours before serving. At the table they can be further seasoned as desired with French salad dressing or plain vinegar." Luscious tomatoes so prepared will grace any luncheon or dinner.

The Evil Of Scalding.

Another fallacy propagated by cooks pertains to scalding tomatoes to facilitate peeling. Scalding, they maintain, partially cooks the tomatoes and renders them unfit for salad. But everything depends upon the temperature of the water, and celerity of the cook.

Certainly scalding is the easiest method of removing tomato skins, and if each tomato is immersed in absolutely boiling water and removed immediately, its centre does not get ever warm, much less cooked. It is water below the boiling-point that injures tomatoes, for in order to loosen the skin they must remain in so long that they lose their firmness.

If one is irrevocably opposed to scalding, however, there remains rubbing with the dull edge of a knife. This loosens the skin and permits it to peel off fairly easily. But one way or another the skins must be removed, for they are an unpleasant adjunct to a meal. The invariable exception to the rule pertains to baked tomatoes, which should be cooked in their skins, as these help to hold the tomatoes together.

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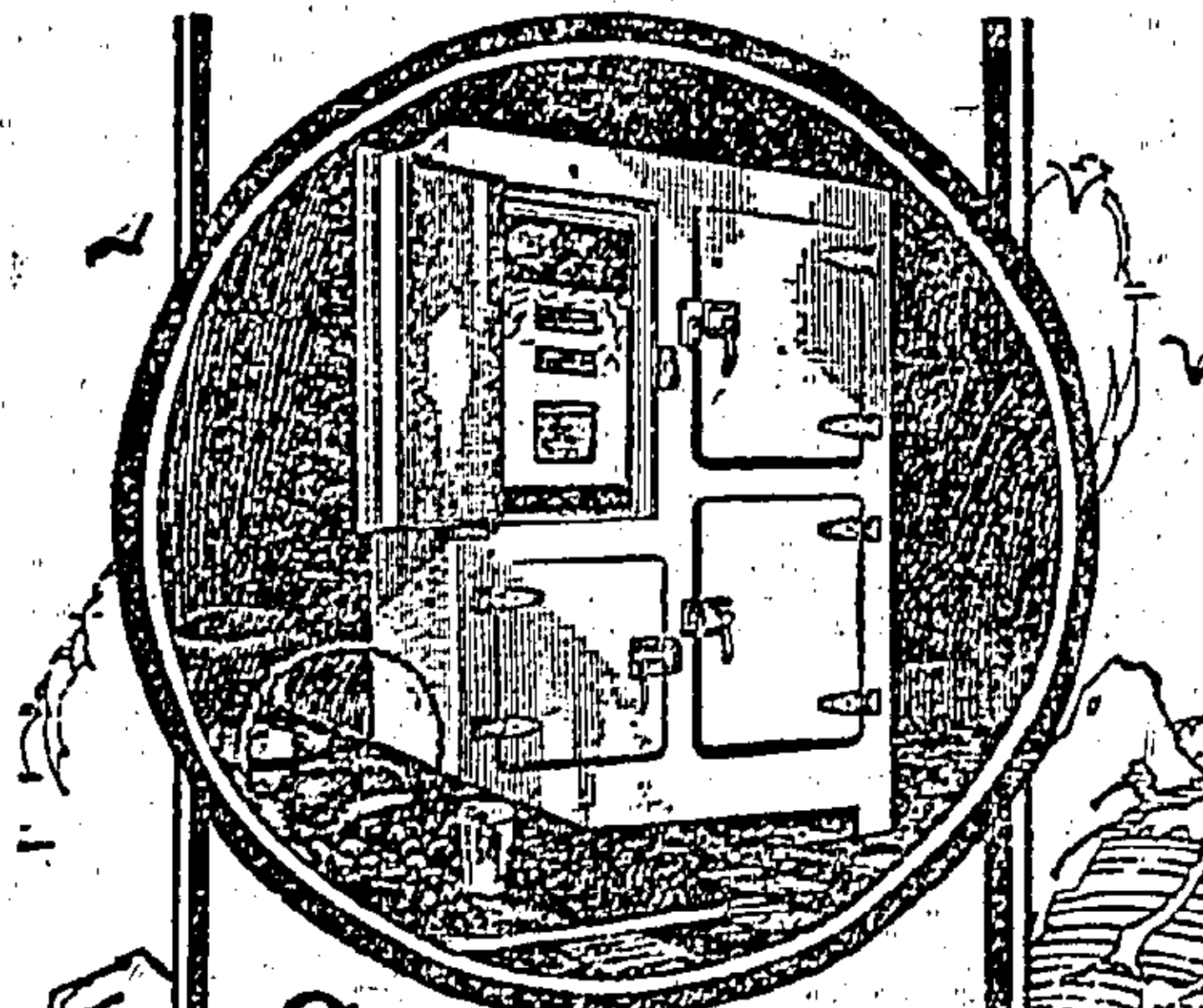
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	at 2 p.m.	6 a.m.	2 p.m.
Barometer...	29.91	29.87	29.83
Temperature...	71	71	76
Humidity...	88	95	87
Wind...	E	E	E
Force...	3	3	3
Direction...	O	OM	OM
Rain...	0.01	0.00	0.00
Highest open-air Temperature, 26th: 78			
Lowest open-air Temperature, 26th: 70			
B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.			

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From April 27th to May 3rd, 1928.			
HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
Day of Week	Time	Day of Week	Time
Fri. 27	11 58	Sat. 28	11 58
Sat. 28	12 00	Sun. 29	12 00
Sun. 29	12 02	Mon. 30	12 02
Mon. 30	12 04	Tues. 1	12 04
Tues. 1	12 06	Wed. 2	12 06
Wed. 2	12 08	Thur. 3	12 08

THE FLEET AT "WAR."

BATTLE REHEARSALS.

DUEL BETWEEN SEA GIANTS.

Very great interest was taken at home in the recent naval manoeuvres in the Mediterranean and the following account of a day's eventful exercises taken from a London paper recently to hand should be of interest:—

ON BOARD H.M.S. "WARSPITE."

This morning in brilliant sunshine the fleet left Malta. At seven o'clock there was no sign of movement, except that two light cruisers had glided quietly away. Suddenly came the staccato report from a signalman, "Queen Elizabeth slipped," and a few moments later the masts of the fleet flagship could be seen moving against the yellow background of the bastions and the houses of Senglea.

Slowly the great ship emerged from the dockyard creek, turned to starboard and steamed toward the harbour entrance.

Her place was at once taken by *Valiant*, coming from the south side of the creek, and then without a sound *Warspite* let go her two buoys and moved ahead.

At Full Speed.

Resolution followed, to the critical eye somewhat slowly, for a wire hawser got tangled in the ring of her buoy in the perverse way that wires have of doing at critical moments. She soon got clear and came after us at full speed, followed by the ships in Bight Bay, and in half an hour from starting the whole fleet was clear of the harbour and was joined by the destroyers from Senglea harbour.

It is no mean feat of seamanship to get a large fleet to sea quickly from a congested harbour like Malta, but it is one that the quiet skill of the Navy has reduced to a fine art. Early as it was, there were considerable crowds on the Barracca and other salient points of the fortifications to watch the fleet pass out, and on the end of the breakwater many wives of officers had collected to wave farewell to the ships as they passed within a few yards of them in silent dignity which permitted no reciprocation signals.

Torpedo Attack.

Once outside the harbour we got to business, and started spreading out for the mimic fleet action which forms today's exercise. The exercises of the next two days have been arranged to try through all gear and procedure that will be required on Thursday, when the serious business with our friend the enemy of the Atlantic fleet begins.

The fleet has been divided into two equal parts, now fifty miles apart, and as I write we are turning to seek out and fight the other fellow. A stiff breeze from the northwest is knocking up high enough to send occasional showers of spray over our decks, and the visibility is about ten miles. Report of the "enemy" came in first from the air and then from the scouting cruisers, and as soon as their battle fleet was located a torpedo attack was made upon them by aeroplanes from the *Eagle*.

A single-handed action took place between *Valiant* and *Royal Oak*, in which the latter announced that she was fifty per cent. disabled and then retired under a smoke screen of her own making. *Valiant* has so far not announced what she thought of it.

Just as the battle fleets sighted one another at extreme range we passed close to *Eagle*, with ten planes flying around her, waiting to land after their torpedo attack. A fine smoke screen was then made by our destroyers, under cover of which we made a large alteration of course to close the range, and the battle ended with the two fleets on opposite courses and our ships concentrating a heavy fire upon the enemy rear ships.

During the fleet action one of the *Eagle's* aeroplanes completely lost its bearings and, being unable to find either the fleet or the *Eagle*, flew back to Malta, where it landed safely in the evening.

A Night Menace.

As the sun went down the wind dropped away, leaving a dark night with a clear starry sky and no moon, an ideal night for the proposed destroyer attack. Shortly after nine o'clock searchlights flashed out from the *Queen Elizabeth's* division, five miles ahead, followed by a shower of brilliant star shells, under whose light could be seen the forms of cruisers and destroyers. Soon afterwards on our port bow a cruiser was sighted and between us a small tramp steamer. Fire was opened by all ships with star shells, which lit up the cruiser as in daylight. The tramp must have wondered what she had met, but her master wisely kept a steady course and passed down the port side of the fleet half a mile away with star shells gleaming over and bursting beyond her. Meanwhile four destroyers attacked from the starboard side and were brilliantly lit up by the searchlights of the squadron.

This ended an exercise which was designed to test all night defence (Continued at foot of next column.)

HOW TO BE HAPPY.

MR. JOHN GALSWORTHY'S RECIPE.

"UNSELF-CONSCIOUSNESS."

Oxford, April 2nd.

The principal speaker to-day at the Congress organized by the National Union of Students was Mr. John Galsworthy, whose chief topic was "The exploitation of successful authors." He said he had never been quite happy unless lost to himself in what he was thinking, feeling, or doing. Unself-consciousness seemed to be the keynote of happiness. One could be absorbed in collecting butterflies, or examining Greek roots, or carving other people up. A celebrated forgetful himself as a boy by giving his schoolfellows 2d. each to let him take teeth out, and he was still not happy unless he was taking out someone's appendix. He supposed offhand people would say that the best way to lose self-consciousness was to drink, but that was a popular superstition. Public speaking, on the other hand, was efficacious. One might get so lost that only a pull on the coat-tails would restore one to remembrance of self and it took two pulls to restore one to remembrance of others.

In which of life's callings was it best possible to achieve this escape from self? The working hours of an imaginative writer were an oasis in a desert of self remembrance. There was a complete conspiracy to remind successful writers of themselves. It included the Press, the photographer, the seeker of the autograph, purveyors of fountain-pens and ginger ale and all those commodities which required the holographed approbation of the successful writer before they could be sold. In this conspiracy were the collectors of opinion as to how shining might affect the morals of the 20th century, and on the question: "Shall we have any grandchildren, and if not, why?" It included also the clergyman whose church required restoration and who thought the successful writer was the man to restore it; the lunatic who had been wrongly incarcerated and turned to the successful writer as one who would have a fellow feeling as a matter of course; the society in search of a president; and the society in search of "a few words." To realize one's actual unimportance in the scale of things demanded a sense of proportion and a sense of humour.

After discussing diplomacy, agriculture—about which he said he ventured to suggest that there was no job more productive of satisfaction nor in which a man could do more good to his country in the long run—and "honest toil," Mr. Galsworthy concluded: "I am certain that to be completely lost in what one is thinking, feeling, or doing is the only way to scotch the kind of *unself-consciousness* which self-consciousness brings. Nature, watchful as an old spyglass, spies the ease of self-consciousness and throws up a philosophy by way of cure."

LORD HAILSHAM.

SIR DOUGLAS HOGG'S NEW TITLE.

London, April 2nd.
Sir Douglas Hogg, the new Lord Chancellor, on whom a barony has been conferred, will be known, subject to the approval of the King, as Lord Hailsham.

Sir Douglas's title is taken from his Sussex seat known as Carter's Corner Place, near Hailsham. The Lord Chancellor spent the week-end there, returning to London late last night.

Sir Douglas will be sworn in as Lord Chancellor at the Law Courts this morning with all the solemnity associated with that ceremony. Wearing his full-bottomed wig and black ceremonial gown, he will find awaiting him as imposing an array of judges as any occasion can call together. The Lord Chief Justice, the Master of the Rolls, the President of the Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division, and the Appeal Judges are expected to be on the Bench and as many other judges as can attend.

The master of the Rolls (Lord Hanworth) will hand to the Lord Chancellor the Testament on which he is to be sworn, and the oaths will be administered by the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery and Permanent Secretary to the Lord Chancellor, Sir Claude Schuster, K.C. There are two oaths of allegiance and an official oath, contrary to declarations, the last of which concludes with, "and I will do right to all manner of people after the laws and usages of this realm without fear or favour, affection or ill-will."

arrangements, and therefore the attacker knew the exact whereabouts of the fleet to make use of night action. To-morrow night another action will take place, in which the fleet will make use of its sword means of defence, which is invisibility. The destroyers will search for the completely darkened battle fleet, within a certain area and the fleet will endeavour to avoid night attack under conditions exactly the same as in war time.

METHUSELAH VILLAGE.

AVERAGE BURIAL AGE OF EIGHTY.

VICAR ON VIRTUES OF "SOUND ALE."

Fewcot (OXON).

I have discovered the village of Methuselah, writes a newspaper correspondent, for here at Fewcot, which nestles in a fold of the North Oxfordshire uplands, there have been thirteen funerals during the five and a-half years' incumbency of the present vicar, and the average age of those buried has been over 80. Fewcot is just off the high road from Oxford to Northampton and I found it in the delightful spring sunshine only a mile from Ardley Station on the Great Western Railway. It is fifteen miles from Oxford, eleven from Banbury, and four from Bicester. It is really a hamlet with outlying farms, and comprises an ecclesiastical parish of 1,800 acres and a population of 130 souls. Ardley is fifty-seven and a-quarter miles from London: The single fare is 7s. 6d.

The Rural Dentist.

"And in the calm peace of this village to-day, where everyone lives to a ripe old age, one felt that it was well worth coming to see. There is, of course, an inn, and a small modern but well-designed church, built in 1870. At the same time, two old cottages were made into a vicarage, and a small school was built, which has since been closed, the building being now used for parochial purposes. There is, too, an old-established coach-builder's shop, but otherwise it is a purely agricultural community, although the village can boast a dentist. There are twenty-nine labourers' cottages in the hamlet itself, and eight more on five outlying farms.

"Yes," the Vicar told me, "we have had thirteen funerals in the churchyard during my incumbency of five and a-half years. The ages of those buried were 90, 74, 77, 79, 64, 100, 70, 84, 87, 89, 77, 81, with an aggregate of 1,042, and an average age of just over 80."

The Gay Shepherd.

"We have living three people well over 80, and ten between 70 and 80. An old shepherd of 75 went off gaily to his ewes at five in the morning last winter, often not getting home until late at night, but making little of his two-mile walk to the farm and home again. Another skilled man, of about the same age as the shepherd, may, almost any day in the season, be seen laying hedges and fencing two or three miles from his home. "We are a healthy lot, and we have fresh air and plenty of it outside, but not too much in our houses. A fairly well drained soil, stone brash on limestone, simple food, with now and again a pint of sound ale, and not much overwork for either body or mind; so why in nature should we not live long lives?"

The one antiquity of the village is a tumulus on the N.E. border of the parish, although some of the cottages and houses are three or four hundred years old.

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WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships in port yesterday morning were as follows:—
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SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

Sunrise. Sunset.
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, GIBRALTAR, MALTA, PORT SAID, ADEEN, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignee must be sorted out Mark by Mark and Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary six hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days including date of arrival will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underigned on or before 16th May, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

MAKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co., Agents.
Hong Kong, 26th Apr., 1928. [6182]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

THE Steamer "ALSTER" having arrived from BREMEN, HAMBURG and Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Cargo is being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where Delivery can be obtained.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Anderson & Ash, at 10 a.m. on the 28th of April, 1928.

No Claim will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown and all Claims must be presented within Two Weeks of the Ship's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognized.

Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for Counter-signature.

MELOERS & CO., Agents.
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
Hong Kong, 24th Apr., 1928. [6187]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEE NOTICE.

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All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Wednesday, the 2nd May, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10 a.m. on Saturday, the 28th April, 1928.

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L. LESDOS, Agent.
Hong Kong, 23rd Apr., 1928. [6189]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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26th April, 1928. [6179]

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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FROM MIDDLESBRO, ANTWERP, LONDON, STRAITS & PHILIPPINES.

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Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for Counter-signature.

MELOERS & CO., Agents.
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
Hong Kong, 24th Apr., 1928. [6173]

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNER NOTICE.

S.S. "ATHOS II"

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All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Thursday, the 3rd May, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

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CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW" On 29th Apr.	Noon
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HOIHOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"TEAN" On 30th Apr.	Noon
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SZECHUEN" On 30th Apr.	6 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"LINAN" On 3rd May	10 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUNNING" On 5th May	6 a.m.
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SWATOW, SHANGHAI, NEW CHINA & DALNY	"LIANGCHOW" On 6th May	Noon
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KIANGSU" On 6th May	Noon
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AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"CHINKIANG" On 7th May	6 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"HUPEI" On 9th May	6 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI" On 10th May	9 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KAYING" On 13th May	Noon
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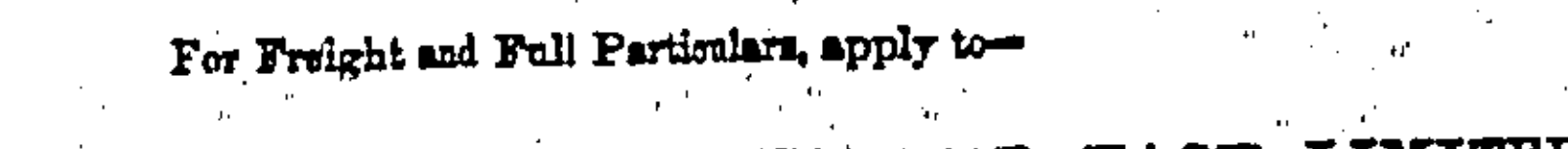
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Shipping News Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.

April 25th.

Botnia, Norwegian str., 840 tons, Capt. A. Hasland, from Sama-rinda, with a cargo of coal, lying at Stonecutters—Geo. Grimble & Co.

Mikage Maru, Japanese str., 2,402 tons, Capt. I. Koda, from Sakito, which port she left on April 19th, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. 351—Yama-shita Kisen Kaisha.

Sun Sai Kai, Chinese str., 342 tons, Capt. Han Fuk, from Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C41—Sui Sang S.S. Co.

Yamagata Maru, Japanese str., 2,322 tons, Capt. Y. Matsuo, from Calcutta and Saigon. The latter port she left on April 20th, with rice, gunny and merchandise, lying at buoy No. 341—N.Y.K.

April 26th.

Empress of Russia, British str., 10,810 tons, Capt. A. J. Hoken, R.N.R., from Vancouver, via Japan ports and Shanghai. The first mentioned port she left on April 7th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—C.P.R.

Hague Maru, Japanese str., 5,641 tons, Capt. K. Ishibashi, from Shanghai, which port she left on April 22nd, with 800 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—O.S.K.

Knight Companion, British str., 4,501 tons, Capt. B. T. Cox, from Swansea and Singapore. The latter port she left on April 20th, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's Wharf—B. & S.

La Plata Maru, Japanese str., 7,368 tons, Capt. T. Ichikawa, from Kobe, which port she left on April 21st, with 200 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—O.S.K.

Lee On, Chinese str., 729 tons, Capt. Kwok Kau, from Kwong Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C49—Hop On S.S. Co.

Lushan Maru, Japanese str., 1,507 tons, Capt. T. Yamakawa, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C19—N.Y.K.

Malwa, British str., 10,685 tons, Capt. W. A. Norman, R.N.R., from London, which port she left on March 31st, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Nandiken, Norwegian str., 1,775 tons, Capt. Norvalds, from Swatow, lying at Stonecutters—Wallem & Co.

Seattle Maru, Japanese str., 3,623 tons, Capt. G. Fujita, from Moji, which port she left on April 21st, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—O.S.K.

Shingo Maru, Japanese str., 13,097 tons, Capt. K. Ogawa, from San Francisco, which port she left on March 31st, with 1,242 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—N.Y.K.

Tai Lee, Chinese str., 1,044 tons, Capt. Z. Masaki, from Daini, which port she left on April 20th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C45—Yue Tai Hong.

Tjimaroen, Dutch str., 4,394 tons, Capt. D. Pals, from Batavia and Muntok. The latter port she left on April 19th, with sugar and general cargo, lying at buoy No. A8—J.C.J.L.

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April 26th.

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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront
News, etc.YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT
RETURNS.INCREASE IN GENERAL
CARGO.

TWENTY-TWO ARRIVALS.

General cargo returns which have lately been on the small side showed a marked increase. There were twenty-two arrivals and eleven departures, during the period ending at 9 a.m. yesterday.

Twenty vessels discharged cargo for Hong Kong, while fourteen vessels had cargo for through ports. The general cargo discharged for this port amounted to 24,751 tons, of which 4,101 tons were contributed by five British vessels. Two Japanese vessels headed the list as best carriers. The s.s. *Amagisan Maru* had 6,900 tons of limestone from Point Redon, and the s.s. *Mikage Maru* from Nagayo and Saito discharged 3,900 tons of coal.

Through freights were very high and totalled 30,463 tons. Five British vessels carried 9,336 tons. The s.s. *Knights Companion* (British) topped the list as best carrier with 6,900 tons from Swansea and Singapore. The s.s. *Celebes Maru* from Bombay and Singapore also carried 6,300 tons of general cargo.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:

	Arr.	Dep.
British	8	4
French	1	1
Dutch	1	1
Norwegian	1	0
Japanese	9	1
Chinese	4	4
Total	22	11

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.

President McKinley, April 29th.

Bank Line.

City of Birmingham, May 4th.

City of Eastbourne, May 11th.

City of New Castle, May 12th.

City of Chester, May 27th.

City of Tokyo, June 9th.

City of Cardiff, June 22nd.

City of Peking, July 7th.

City of Bedford, June 22nd.

Blue Funnel Line.

Diomed, to-day.

Cathala, May 1st.

Tallithyus, May 1st.

Machuan, May 2nd.

Antenor, May 3rd.

Meriones, May 6th.

Helenus, May 10th.

Patroclus, May 18th.

Adriatus, May 17th.

Orestes, May 30th.

Peuce, May 22nd.

Peuce, May 25th.

Mendacus, May 29th.

Cyrenus, May 30th.

Hector, May 31st.

Rhexenor, June 8th.

Mentor, June 10th.

Tyndarus, June 10th.

Dardanus, June 12th.

Oanfa, June 20th.

Antileus, June 25th.

Atreus, June 27th.

Glaucus, June 28th.

Proteclus, July 3rd.

Lycan, July 8th.

Philoctetes, July 8th.

Theates, July 28th.

Aeneas, July 30th.

Elpenor, August 2nd.

Sarpedon, August 23rd.

Australian-Oriental Line.

Taiping, May 11th.

Changte, June 5th.

British-India and Apear Line.

Taina, April 20th.

Talambe, May 1st.

Taliwa, May 5th.

Haitipara, May 14th.

Santia, May 20th.

Tilawa, May 31st.

Takada, June 5th.

Dodwell & Co.

Kendal Castle, May 7th.

Dollar Steamship Line.

President Monroe, May 5th.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.

Malaya, April 31st.

Siam, June 15th.

Danmark, July 16th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.

Arafura, May 2nd.

Tanda, May 7th.

St. Albans, June 4th.

Glen Line.

Carnarvonshire, April 30th.

Glenbeg, May 13th.

Pembrokehire, May 25th.

Gleniffer, June 8th.

Glenhane, June 25th.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie and Hugo Stinnes Lint.

Ermland, May 2nd.

Vogland, May 18th.

Ludendorff, May 24th.

Hindenburg, June 6th.

Albert Voelger, June 8th.

Rhein, June 30th.

Java-China-Japan Line.

Tjikarang, April 30th.

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DAILY WATERFRONT
NEWS.EIGHT OTHER BOAT PEOPLE
FINED.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

Ten boat people appeared before Comdr. J. D. Newill at the Marine Court yesterday morning for breaches of Harbour regulations. Obstruction charges against a steersman and a mistress of two cargo boats were adjourned until to-day pending the evidence of the master of the s.s. *Kwong Tung*. The two defendants had been arrested for obstructing the free access of other vessels in the Harbour by mooring the craft alongside the British Canton Wharf. Both defendants pleaded guilty, and the prosecution was conducted by Inspector Moss. Sergt. Ryan told the Court that whilst on duty aboard No. 7 Police Launch he received a call from the master of the s.s. *Kwong Tung*, and going aboard, was informed by the master that certain cargo junks were obstructing the ship in loading cargo on to a P. & O. lighter. The master pointed out the two defendants and witness arrested them. In answer to the Court, Sergt. Ryan said that the first defendant was alongside amidstships of the river steamer and neither of the defendants were working cargo. The case was adjourned until to-day pending the arrival of the s.s. *Kwong Tung* from Canton.

Breach of Licence.

Two mistresses of passenger sampans were fined \$5 for committing a breach of their passenger boat licences by carrying 22 sacks of copper coins, and eight sacks of building rubbish. Both defendants pleaded guilty, and the above mentioned fines with the alternative of 6 days' imprisonment were imposed.

Lying Inshore.

Six steersman, and mistress of cargo junks appeared on the same charge of lying inshore at a distance of less than 100 yards from low water mark during the prohibited hours after dark. L/Sergt. Went, prosecuted in all cases, and the defendants pleaded guilty. Each was fined \$10 or 10 days' hard labour.

To Dock For Survey.

The s.s. *Hai Hong* which arrived here from Foochow and Swatow has gone to dock for general survey.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

Asiatic deck passengers arriving in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday numbered 1,831. These passengers were carried by eight vessels.

Messageries Maritimes.

D'Aragnan, May 9th.
St. Xiang, May 2nd.
General Meeting, May 23rd.
Sphinx, June 5th.
Angers, June 19th.

Princes Line.

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Nanking, May 25th.

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